

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

DATE: February 6, 2019

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Albert at 10:30 a.m.

Roll was taken: Present – Representatives Albert, Slagh, VanSingel, Lightner, Maddock, Pagan, Sabo,
Anthony, and Kennedy
Absent – None

I. Budget Overview

Robin Risko, House Fiscal Agency, provided an overview of the Department of Corrections budget. She discussed the following: funding for the department and how it has changed historically; major spending areas in the Corrections budget; spending growth by program; department personnel costs; population supervised by the department (parolees and probationers); costs of prisoner custody, care, and programs; health care for prisoners and the aging prisoner population; field operations; and offender success programs and services. Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

II. Department Overview

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator/Legislative Liaison, provided an overview of the Department of Corrections, and talked specifically about the department's focus on offender success by providing offenders with programming, education, and opportunities based on their risks and needs to become self-sufficient, positive members of their communities as a means of reducing crime and protecting public safety. He discussed organization of the department and gave an overview of specific sections in the department. Also, he talked briefly about the future of Corrections. Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Overview of Offender Success Programs and Field Operations

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator/Legislative Liaison, and Russ Marlan, Deputy Director, Field Operations Administration provided an overview of offender success programs and field operations. They discussed how the department focuses on assessing risks and needs of offenders in order to plan programming for them that will help to make them successful when they return to their communities. Needs include education, employment, family, peers, substance abuse, leisure/recreation time, and social. The department contracts with agencies that provide services to returning citizens, including housing, social support services, job placement, health and behavioral health services, as well as specialized services (e.g., mental health, sex offender, substance abuse).

IV. Adjourn

Representative Albert adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:50 a.m.