



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUDICIARY
REP. BRADLEY SLAGH
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections and Judiciary was called to order by Chair Slagh.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Slagh, Markkanen, Beson, Cavitt, and O'Neal.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Cavitt moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 27, 2025. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Marilena David, Deputy Director and Acting Director, Michigan State Appellate Defender Office (SADO), and Tina Olson, Manager of the Juvenile Lifer Unit at SADO, appeared before the subcommittee. Ms. David discussed the impact of U.S. Supreme Court rulings in 2012 and 2016, and state Supreme Court rulings in 2022, 2024, and 2025 requiring the resentencing of individuals who were sentenced to life without parole for crimes committed at ages 17 and younger, age 18, and most recently, ages 19 and 20. Ms. David provided detailed information on the total number of eligible cases per ruling, numbers of cases represented by SADO, timelines for filing motions, and staff and funding needed to complete robust examinations as required by case rulings. Ms. David discussed the impact of Project Reentry which was launched in 2016 and focuses on assisting individuals released from prison with obtaining housing, transportation, employment, vital documents, education, counseling, and medical assistance. Ms. David also talked briefly about FY 2026 budget priorities including implementation of appellate defender workload standards set by the National Center for State Courts, implementation of funding for interns interested in public defense, and implementation of collectively bargained salary adjustments. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Slagh adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Representative Bradley Slagh, Chair

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