

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative VerHeulen at 12:00 p.m.
Attendance was taken. Present - Representatives VerHeulen, Brann, Miller, and Pagan
Absent - None

I. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was moved by Representative Miller to approve the minutes from the subcommittee meeting held on March 1, 2017. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Michigan State Appellate Defender Office/Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System

Mike Mittlestat, Deputy Director, State Appellate Defender Office (SADO), and Brad Hall, Administrator, Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System (MAACS), appeared before the subcommittee and presented basic information on SADO/MAACS's purpose and responsibilities, and information on budget priorities. The primary budget priority for FY 2017-18 is the appropriation of additional funding needed for SADO/MAACS to provide post-conviction representation of juvenile lifers in resentencings, pursuant to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the *Montgomery v. Louisiana* case. There are 364 juvenile lifer cases in Michigan. SADO/MAACS represents 203 of the cases. According to the ruling, the juvenile lifer clients are entitled to resentencing in circuit court. Of the 203 clients, as of March 1, 2017, 32 had been resentenced. The Executive budget includes \$750,000 GF/GP for SADO/MAACS to continue their work on these cases. SADO/MAACS is requesting \$1.4 million. Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, Representative VerHeulen adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 12:40 p.m.