



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. AMOS O'NEAL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 29, 2024

11:00 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative O'Neal.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. O'Neal, McKinney, Morse, Snyder, Slagh, Bollin, and Lightner.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Bollin moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison for the Department of Corrections, appeared before the subcommittee to give an update on appropriations included in the FY 2023-24 budget for expansion of existing programs and for new program initiatives. He gave an update on all of the following: body-worn cameras; the Intelligence Unit and prisoner phone services; corrections officer recruitment and retention bonuses; new medication assisted treatment clinics; the PREA and Discriminatory Harassment Unit; peer reentry supports, including Come Out Stay Out, Silent Cry, and Nation Outside; the Mama's Mobile Milk, Goodwill Flip the Script, and contraband prevention programs; and post-secondary education programs. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Dan Varner, President and CEO, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, and Greg Anderson, Director of Goodwill Flip the Script Empowerment Programs, appeared before the subcommittee. Mr. Varner described the core ideology of Goodwill Industries, how Goodwill works, who Goodwill serves, the nonprofit businesses operated by Goodwill, other types of services offered, and 2023 program outcomes. Mr. Anderson discussed expansion of the program to Oakland County and gave details on program elements which include behavioral programming, GED preparation, career exposure, job training, financial literacy, supportive services, employment preparation and placement, and post-placement retention support. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Representative Amos O'Neal, Chair

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