

# **INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE**

## **Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary**

### **Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2021 Interim**

**June 2, 2021**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The 1st meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Joseph M. Fischer, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Danny Carroll, Co-Chair; Representative Joseph M. Fischer, Co-Chair; Senators John Schickel and Whitney Westerfield; Representatives McKenzie Cantrell, Jennifer Decker, Daniel Elliott, Angie Hatton, C. Ed Massey, Jason Nemes, Jason Petrie, and Brandon Reed.

Guests: Colonel Phillip Burnett, Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky State Police; and Kyle Nall, Lieutenant Colonel, Administrative Division, Kentucky State Police

LRC Staff: Zachary Ireland, Savannah Wiley, and Benjamin Thompson

#### **Kentucky State Police**

Commissioner Burnett and Lieutenant Colonel Nall provided an overview of the budgetary needs of the Kentucky State Police (KSP).

In response to questions from Senator Carroll, Commissioner Burnett stated that there are 70 Trooper Rs, eight of which work Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE). Lieutenant Colonel Nall confirmed that Trooper Rs work on year to year contracts. Commissioner Burnett noted that there are 60 CVE officers, not including Trooper Rs. Lieutenant Colonel Nall stated that KSP has not done a pay scale comparison to local law enforcement agencies.

In response to questions from Senator Westerfield, Commissioner Burnett noted that while KSP laboratory staff received a fifteen percent pay raise they are still the lowest paid state lab staff in the country.

In response to a question from Representative Nemes, Lieutenant Colonel Nall stated that KSP would be launching an apprenticeship program in July 2021 for individuals recently graduated to embark on either a CVE or telecommunication pathway.

In response to a question from Senator Carroll, Commissioner Burnett noted that the number of Trooper Rs will likely decrease when 25 year retirement kicks in. Lieutenant Colonel Nall noted that troopers on Tier 3 retirement are already leaving for other employment as soon as they are vested.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.