

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2018 Interim

October 25, 2018

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 3rd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 10:00 AM, in Room 420 of the Chase Law Building at Northern Kentucky University. Senator Wil Schroder, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Wil Schroder, Co-Chair; Christian McDaniel, John Schickel, Robin L. Webb, and Whitney Westerfield; Representatives Daniel Elliott, Joseph M. Fischer, and Arnold Simpson.

Guests: Patricia Summe, Judge, 16th Circuit Court; Richard Bruggemann, Judge, 54th Circuit Court; Kelly Easton, Judge, 9th Circuit Court; Tyler Gill, Judge, 7th Circuit Court; Stockton Wood, Judge, 19th Circuit Court; and Julie Ward, Judge, 17th Circuit Court.

LRC Staff: Zachary Ireland, Savannah Wiley, and Chase O'Dell.

Bail Bond Reform

Judges Summe, Bruggemann, Easton, Gill, Wood, and Ward each spoke on the importance and implications of bail bond reform.

In response to questions from Senator McDaniel, Judge Summe stated that an evidence based risk assessment is required by statute for bail determinations, but the forms are developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Judge Summe said that pretrial officers can release misdemeanants without a judge's signature.

In response to a question from Senator Westerfield, Judge Ward stated that judges don't have the resources to monitor low-low risk misdemeanants. Judge Ward noted that the only conditions imposed on low low risk individuals are to not participate in any illegal activity and to appear on the individual's court date.

In response to a question from Senator Schickel, Judge Summe noted that judges do not receive verified employment information like they did in the past. Judge Wood noted that verified employment information was on pretrial release forms prior to AOC removing that section of the forms.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.