

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

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

### **Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2019 Interim**

**September 10, 2019**

#### **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 Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 8:00 AM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Stephen West, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Stephen West, Co-Chair; Representative Jason Nemes, Co-Chair; Senators Denise Harper Angel, John Schickel, and Whitney Westerfield; Representatives Angie Hatton, Nima Kulkarni, and Jason Petrie.

Guests: Alex Payne, Commissioner, Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT), Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (JPSC); John McGuire, Deputy Commissioner, DOCJT, JPSC; and Kevin Rader, Assistant Director, Administrative Division, DOCJT, JPSC.

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

#### **Department of Criminal Justice Training**

Commissioner Payne provided an update on the implementation of RS 2019 SB 1, relating to school safety.

In response to questions from Chair West, Commissioner Payne stated that DOCJT was responsible for training School Resource Officers (SROs). Commissioner Payne stated that there would be 15 School Compliance Officers, including two supervisors and the State School Security Marshal. Commissioner Payne noted that the recurring personnel costs for School Compliance Officers would be \$1.8 million dollars.

In response to questions from Senator Westerfield, Commissioner Payne noted that the number of School Compliance Officers needed was determined by breaking down how many schools are in the commonwealth and then separating them into regions. Commissioner Payne stated that with DOCJT's plan, each officer would have roughly 90 schools to inspect on a yearly basis. Commissioner Payne noted that implementation would

begin in January of 2020. Commissioner Payne noted that officers would go through a 40 hour training to become a School Compliance Officer and that they would be existing officers hired to a new position. Commissioner Payne stated that the Kentucky Youth Advocates helped DOCJT develop training for SROs and that SROs would undergo 120 hours of specialized training over three years, 40 hours of training per year.

In response to questions from Senator West, Commissioner Payne said he would prefer to have an SRO in every school in the commonwealth. Commissioner Payne noted that compliance officers would be there to work with schools to help them be compliant, rather than discipline them for noncompliance. Commissioner Payne noted that RS 2019 SB 1 addresses where copies of each compliance report would go, but that the law did not mandate transparency.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Schickel made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting, seconded by Senator Westerfield, and the minutes were approved without objection.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 AM.