

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2022 Interim

November 2, 2022

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 5th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 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, Robin L. Webb, and Whitney Westerfield; Representatives McKenzie Cantrell, Jennifer Decker, and Jason Nemes.

Guests: Col. Phillip Burnett, Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky State Police.

LRC Staff: Perry Papka, Zachary Ireland, and Benjamin Thompson.

Update – Impact of Increase in Salary Schedule on State Police Recruitment and Retention

Col. Burnett provided testimony regarding changes in the salary schedule for the Kentucky State Police (KSP).

In response to a question from Chair Fischer, Col. Burnett confirmed that the new KSP salary schedule is competitive with other police agency salaries.

In response to question from Senator Carroll, Col. Burnett noted that Trooper Rs are typically assigned patrol duty and are paid at the same rate as a trooper with five years' experience. Col. Burnett stated that there are no school resource officers in the KSP ranks, citing various issues such as uncertainty over workman's compensation insurance eligibility as the reason. Col. Burnett said that the KSP is such a large entity, a change in upper leadership doesn't affect the average officer in their mission of law enforcement.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Westerfield made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting of the subcommittee. Senator Carroll seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without objection.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.