

**MINUTES OF THE
CRIME REDUCTION TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, November 10, 1999 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Robert F. Montgomery, Senate Chair
Rep. John E. Swallow, House Chair
Sen. Paula Julander
Sen. Robert Muhlestein
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Blake D. Chard
Rep. Gary F. Cox
Rep. Greg J. Curtis
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

Members Excused:

Rep. Perry L. Buckner

Members Absent:

Rep. Duane Bourdeaux

Staff Present:

Ms. Chyleen A. Arbon, Research Analyst
Mr. Keith M. Woodwell, Associate General
Counsel
Ms. Vanessa Thompson, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Task Force Business - Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Curtis and Rep. Throckmorton absent for the vote.

2. Integrated Criminal Justice System - Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, Physics Department, University of South Carolina, discussed a diagram describing the integrated criminal justice database systems in South Carolina and a handout titled "Background Information for Utah Presentations." He spoke about the databases he and his staff have developed for the state of South Carolina, which allows the entire criminal justice system to share information about offenders. Dr. Johnson currently holds a joint appointment at the University of Utah and is working to create a similar integrated system for Utah.

Mr. Hogue Curry, University of South Carolina, Advanced Solutions Group, explained the Internet Routed Information System (IRIS), which has been used to manage over 6,000 public safety incidents in South Carolina during the past three years by allowing multiple agencies to communicate and coordinate through the internet to effectively solve emergency situations using real time information.

Chair Montgomery turned the chair over to Sen. Julander.

3. Draft Legislation - Public Schools Surveys Amendments - Sen. Montgomery presented draft legislation titled "Public Schools Surveys Amendments."

Sen. Muhlestein asked for clarification on how parents would be notified of the school survey. Sen. Montgomery and Mr. Doug Bates, Utah State Office of Education, indicated that it would be in the form of a flyer.

MOTION: Rep. Cox moved to insert the phrase "or issues of violence" on line 120 after "students." Sen. Montgomery indicated that it was a friendly amendment. The motion failed, with Rep. Cox, Sen. Julander, and Sen. Montgomery voting in favor, and Rep. Swallow absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Montgomery moved that the task force adopt the proposed legislation titled "Public Schools Surveys Amendments" as a task force bill. The motion failed, with Rep. Cox, Sen. Julander, Sen. Montgomery, and Rep. Bigelow voting in favor, and Rep. Swallow absent for the vote.

Chair Montgomery resumed as chair.

4. Draft Legislation - Controlled Substances Amendments - Rep. Bigelow spoke about proposed draft legislation regarding date rape drugs. The bill would make GHB and other similar drugs illegal.

5. Penalties for Underage Drinking and Smoking - Rep. Swallow asked the task force for feedback on requiring the suspension of teenage driver licenses as a penalty for the illegal use or possession of tobacco or alcohol. The task force expressed concerns with moving in this direction.

Local Mandate to Report Crime Statistics - Rep. Swallow asked the task force for feedback on requiring local agencies to report crime statistics to the state. The task force expressed concerns with the concept.

Mr. Dave Walsh, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), said that the commission has been asked by the Speaker of the House to propose recommendations regarding this issue.

State-wide Drug Courts - Rep. Swallow asked the task force to consider expanding the drug court concept statewide.

MOTION: Rep. Chard moved that the chairs prepare a letter from the task force to the Executive Appropriations Committee requesting that funds be allocated to establish statewide drug courts. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Curtis absent for the vote.

Drug Board Hearing Pilot Project - Rep. Swallow discussed creating and funding the Drug Board Hearing Pilot Project.

Mr. Pete Haun, Executive Director, Department of Corrections and Mr. Mike Sibbitt, Board of Pardons and Parole, indicated their support for this project.

MOTION: Rep. Swallow moved that the chairs prepare a letter from the task force to the Executive Appropriations Committee requesting that funds be allocated to establish the Drug Board Hearing Pilot Project in Weber and Davis counties. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Curtis absent for the vote.

6. CCJJ Recommendations - Mr. Dave Walsh and Mr. Chevan Nanayakkara, CCJJ, presented the recommendations of the commission. Mr. Walsh distributed a handout titled "Criminal Justice Cost Reference Sheet," which indicates the various costs of different programs, sanctions, and services in the criminal justice system.

Mr. Walsh also distributed a handout titled "Potential Crime Reduction Continuum Budget Items." He said that various agencies have been collaborating to produce these recommendations.

7. Workgroup Report Regarding Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Issues - Captain Youngberg, Criminal Investigation Bureau, Department of Public Safety, Mr. Gary Heward, Prosecutor, DEA/Metro Narcotics Task Force, and Rep. Tyler distributed and discussed the handout titled "Report to the Legislature on Illegal Drug Lab Decontamination: Public Safety Standards and Programs – October 1999."

Rep. Tyler presented proposed legislation titled "Standards for Illegal Drug Lab Decontamination." The legislation provides rulemaking authority for the Department of Health to set standards and license contractors for the cleanup of sites, and creates an Illegal Drug Lab Environmental Decontamination Fund within the General Fund.

MOTION: Sen. Muhlestein moved that the task force support the concept of the proposed legislation, "Standards for Illegal Drug Lab Decontamination." The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Cox and Rep. Swallow absent for the vote.

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8. Other Items/Adjourn - Sen. Muhlestein moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Swallow and Rep. Cox absent for the vote. Chair Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.