



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Chair
Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Paul Ray

Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist
Rep. Mark A. Strong

Members Absent:

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Policy Analyst
Esther D. Chelsea-McCarty, Associate General Counsel
Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. P. Ray
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. E. Vickers

2 . Law Enforcement Scholarships

[2a - 2020 Sixth Special Session S.B. 2006, Law Enforcement Tuition Reimbursement](#)

Sen. Karen Mayne reviewed the provisions of 2020 Sixth Special Session S.B. 2006, "Law Enforcement Tuition Reimbursement."

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to favorably recommend 2020 Sixth Special Session S.B. 2006, "Law Enforcement Tuition Reimbursement," for consideration during the Sixth Special Session. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

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Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. E. Vickers

3 . Peer Support Programs

Rep. Karen Kwan discussed the importance of peer support programs for first responders and requested committee support to extend the sunset date of the Mental Health Protections for First Responders Workgroup, which is due to sunset January 1, 2021.

Captain Layne Hilton, Unified Fire Authority, briefed the committee on recent mental health issues among first responders.

Mike Brown, Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, reported results of a survey of the Salt Lake City Police Department and dispatchers that demonstrated the increasing need for peer support.

Brent Jex, President, Utah State Fraternal Order of Police, related the importance of early intervention for officers in need of mental health therapy.

Comments from Jack Tidrow, President, Professional Fire Fighters of Utah, were read by Rep. Kwan, in which he reported on the success of occupational-specific peer support.

Maj. Steven Winward, Utah Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety, reported on the success of the peer support program within the department.

Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Government Affairs, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in support of the efforts being made to increase peer support for first responders.

Sen. Thatcher reported on the SafeUT App program, which provides crisis prevention and intervention programs.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date of the Mental Health Protections for First Responders Workgroup for five years. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-14

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. P. Ray
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. M. Schultz

4 . Master Offense List

[4a - 2020 Master Offense List](#)

[4b - 2020 Master Offense List Report](#)

Monica Diaz, Utah Sentencing Commission, presented the commission's 2020 Master Offense List Report.

5 . 24/7 Sobriety Program

[5a - Presentation, 24-7 Sobriety Program](#)

Captain Christopher Simmons, Utah Highway Patrol, and Kim Gibb, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, Department of Public Safety, provided an overview of the 24/7 Sobriety Program as it has been implemented in Weber County.

Tyson Skeen, citizen, expressed support for the program.

Brent Wilday, SCRAM Systems, commented on transdermal bracelet usage and cost.

MOTION: Rep. Strong moved to open a committee bill file to expand the 24/7 Sobriety Program in the state. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-14

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Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. M. Schultz

6 . DUI Code Changes

This agenda item was not discussed.

7 . Clarify Disaster Response Statutes

[7a - Governor's Emergency Suspension Power Cheat Sheet](#)

John Feinauer, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, provided a summary of disaster response authority as outlined in Title 53-2a.

Gopi Krishna, citizen, asked for clarification of the governor's authority in a state of emergency.

Esther Chelsea-McCarty, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, responded to Mr. Krishna's question.

8 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-14

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Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.