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#### Attendance

I. The joint public hearing conducted by the House Legislative Oversight Committee's Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee ("House Subcommittee") and the Senate Special Study Committee on the Department of Juvenile Justice ("Senate Committee") was called to order by Senate Committee Chairman Tom Young, on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, in Room 105 of the Gressette Building. The following members of the House Subcommittee were present: Chairman Finlay, Representative Raye Felder, and Representative Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr. The following members of

the Senate Committee were present: Chairman Young, Senator Michael L. Fair, Senator Floyd Nicholson, and Senator Katrina Frye Shealy.

### Discussion of the Department of Juvenile Justice

- I. Mr. Larry Reid, Correctional Consultant, with Correctional Consulting Services, LLC testified under oath, via skype from his office in Colorado, about his company's findings published in the May 2016 security audit of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).
  - Members of the Senate Committee and House Subcommittee asked questions of Mr. Reid about his Offices' investigation and findings. Mr. Reid provided answers to all questions.
- II. Mr. Jason Szanyi, Director of Institutional Reform, with Center for Children's Law and Policy testified under oath, via skype from his office in Washington, DC. Ms. Szanyi testified about his experience working with states and municipalities around the country in the area of juvenile corrections.
  - Members of the Senate Committee and House Subcommittee asked questions of Mr. Szanyi and Mr. Reid provided answers to all questions.
- III. Director Sylvia Murray testified under oath to the Subcommittee in response to the report from Mr. Reid and comments from Mr. Szanyi.
  - Members of the Senate Committee and House Subcommittee asked questions of Director Murray, as well as other members of the DJJ staff that Director Murray called forward to assist with information. The Director and agency representatives provided answers to all questions.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned.