

JLBC MEETING

At its December 2021 meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

Executive Session

Arizona Department of Administration – Risk Management Services - Consideration of Proposed Settlements – The Committee approved several settlements under Rule 14, which requires Committee approval of Risk Management settlements above \$250,000 pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621(N).

Regular Session

Arizona Department of Administration/Automation Projects Fund – Review of Child Care Attendance Tracker Project (Department of Economic Security Subaccount) – A.R.S. § 41-714 requires Committee review prior to any monies being expended from the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) Automation Projects Fund (APF) – Department of Economic Security (DES) Subaccount for the development of a child care attendance tracker. The Committee gave a favorable review of the expenditure of \$2,582,800 in FY 2022 for this project.

Attorney General – Review of Consumer Restitution and Remediation Revolving Fund – McKinsey Settlement Expenditure Plan – A.R.S. § 44-1531.02 (C) requires Committee review prior to any monies being expended from the Remediation Subaccount of the Attorney General's (AG) Consumer Protection and Restitution Revolving Fund. The Committee favorably reviewed the AG's plan to spend \$12,000,000 from a settlement with McKinsey & Company, Inc. for grants to support opioid remediation and abatement

programs at \$3,000,000 per year from FY 2022 through FY 2025.

Arizona Department of Child Safety – Review of FY 2021 Quarterly Benchmarks – An FY 2021 General Appropriation Act footnote requires the Department of Child Safety (DCS) to submit to the Committee for review a quarterly report on benchmarks for assessing progress made in increasing DCS' number of FTE Positions meeting caseload standards for caseworkers, reducing the number of backlog cases and open reports, and reducing the number of children in out-of-home care. The Committee gave a favorable review of DCS' FY 2021 fourth quarter benchmark report.

Consent Agenda

Department of Child Safety – Review of Line Item Transfers – An FY 2021 and an FY 2022 General Appropriation Act footnote requires DCS to submit a report for review by the Committee before transferring funds from any line item, except for transfers between line items relating to the comprehensive health plan. The Committee gave a favorable review of an FY 2021 Federal Expenditure Authority transfer of \$115,000 from Foster Home Placement into Kinship Care and an FY 2022 Federal Expenditure Authority transfer of \$300,000 from Foster Home Placement into Kinship Care.

JLBC Staff – Consider Approval Index for Arizona Department of Administration – School Facilities Division Construction Costs – A.R.S. § 41-5741D3(c) requires that the cost-per-foot factors used in the ADOA School Facilities Division (SFD) new school construction formula shall be adjusted annually for construction market considerations based on an index identified or developed by the Committee. The Committee approved a 6.63% adjustment in the cost-per-square-foot factors.