

JLBC MEETING

At its December 18, 2018 meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

Regular Agenda

Department of Child Safety – Review of FY 2019 First Quarter Benchmarks – The Committee gave a favorable review of DCS' first quarter benchmark report, which assessed the progress made in increasing the department's number of FTE Positions and in reducing the number of backlog cases.

Department of Child Safety – Review of Line Item Transfers – The Committee gave a favorable review of transfers of \$185,000 in FY 2018 and \$400,000 in FY 2019 from Out-of-Home funding into Kinship Care. DCS also received a favorable review of a \$2.9 million transfer into Foster Home Recruitment for an FY 2018 technical adjustment.

Department of Corrections – Review of FY 2019 Proposed Bed Capacity Changes – The Committee heard as an information only item ADC's proposed bed capacity changes. ADC's plan adds 370 beds and closes (115) for a net increase of 255 beds. Including changes reported in August, ADC plans to increase permanent beds by 199 from 38,655 in June 2018 to 38,854 by June 2019. When counting permanent beds compared to the population, the report indicated ADC had a shortfall of (3,458) beds, and a surplus of 1,925 when counting temporary beds.

Department of Economic Security – Review of Plan for the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge – The Committee gave a favorable review of DES' plan, which would close 5 existing housing units for 19 individuals at their Coolidge Development Disabilities program due to federal requirements. Most of the clients would transfer to another part of the Coolidge Campus. The relocation would require renovations totaling \$900,000, which DES would pay with existing funds. The favorable review includes a provision requiring DES to provide a status update to the Committee on the future use of the 5 state-operated group homes in its next report to the Committee.

Arizona Department of Education – Review of Federal Monies Report – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADE's annual federal monies report. ADE reports \$1.2 billion in federal funding for FY 2019. The favorable review includes provisions requiring additional information in future reports.

School Facilities Board – Consider Approval of Index for School Facilities Construction Costs – The Committee approved a 6.19% adjustment in the cost-per-square

foot factors used in SFB funding formulas, based on the overall change in construction costs since the last adjustment in January 2018.

Consent Agenda

Arizona Department of Administration – Review of Public Safety Broadband – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADOA's annual report on expenditures for the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP). These monies are part of a nationwide planning effort associated with a public safety broadband effort.

Arizona Department of Administration/Automation Projects Fund – Review of myDEQ Project (Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Subaccount) – The Committee gave a favorable review of the FY 2019 expenditure plan of \$3.2 million from the Automation Projects Fund for Phase 5 of the development of DEQ's web portal, myDEQ. The favorable review included reporting requirements.

Arizona Department of Administration/Automation Projects Fund – Review of Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology Projects (ADOA Subaccount) – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADOA's expenditure plan of \$500,000 to support its agency website platform. The funds primarily pay for ongoing operating costs of existing websites. In FY 2019, ADOA plans to add 7 agency websites to the platform.

Arizona Department of Education – Review of Career Technical Education District (CTED) Quarterly Report – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADE's final 2 quarterly reports on CTED programs and courses. In the 2018 Legislative Session, the Legislature approved legislation relabeling Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) as CTEDs. This is the final quarterly report on CTED reviews. ADE has now reviewed all 1,748 local CTED programs (607 during the past 2 quarters). All but 5 programs were approved for continued Basic State Aid funding. Two were disapproved during the past 2 quarters. Non-compliant programs typically lacked a properly certified teacher or approved curriculum.