

JLBC MEETING

At its September 24, 2015 meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

Department of Child Safety – Review of FY 2016 ICAC Expenditure Plan – The Committee gave a favorable review of the FY 2016 \$350,000 expenditure plan for Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) with a provision that the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force via DCS report any funding reallocations above \$50,000.

Department of Child Safety – Review of Fourth Quarter Benchmarks – The Committee accepted the DCS report with no comment that outlined fourth quarter benchmarks for assessing the progress of increasing the number of FTE Positions and in reducing the number of backlog cases.

Department of Child Safety – Review of IFS FY 2016 Expenditure Plan – The Committee gave favorable review of the FY 2016 \$8.5 million expenditure plan for Intensive Family Services (IFS). The Committee added provisions indicating that a favorable review expires with federal approval or disapproval of the Title IV-E waiver and recommended that the department release a Request for Proposal (RFP) prior to the final approval of the Title IV-E waiver.

Department of Corrections – Review of FY 2015 Bed Capacity Report – The Committee gave a favorable review of the bed capacity report detailing the bed capacity changes in FY 2015 and the proposed changes in FY 2016.

Arizona Department of Administration – Consider Approval of Maximum Lodging and Per Diem Reimbursement Rates – The Committee approved the use of the federal lodging reimbursement rate and per diem rate, less \$10, as the state rates effective October 1, 2015. The Committee added the following provisions:

- 1) Committee approval does not constitute an endorsement of additional appropriations to cover higher reimbursement costs;
- 2) ADOA may continue to grant waivers for reimbursement above the state's maximum rate but should not delegate any waiver authority to agencies; and
- 3) ADOA shall submit for review its written guidelines for reviewing and approving lodging rate waivers by November 30, 2015.

Arizona Department of Administration/Department of Education – Review of Automation Projects Fund Expenditure Reallocation – The Committee gave a favorable review of a reallocation of the FY 2016 Arizona Education Learning and Accountability System appropriation, which allows ADE to shift \$400,000 from the Program Support Office to Centralized Education Data Services.

Arizona Department of Administration/Department of Revenue – Review of Data Capture Contingency Expenditure Plan – The Committee gave a favorable review of the use of \$459,000 of contingency monies from the Automation Projects Fund to improve DOR's ability to analyze more tax return data electronically. The Committee added a provision requiring DOR to submit an expenditure plan to the Committee for review prior to spending the project's remaining contingency funding of \$106,800.

Attorney General – Review of Quarterly Reports on Legal Settlements – The Committee gave a favorable review of the AG's allocation of legal settlements among the various funds. In the fourth quarter of FY 2015, the AG deposited \$353,900 to the Consumer Protection – Consumer Fraud Revolving Fund, \$81,000 to the Restitution Subaccount, and \$9,400 to the Remediation Subaccount.

JLBC Staff – Review of Agency Legal Services Charges – The Committee gave favorable review of the fund source reports for the AG legal services charges. The charges total \$1.8 million, the same amount as last year.

Board of Behavioral Health Services – Testimony on Proposed Licensing Rules – The Committee accepted the Board's testimony on proposed licensing rules without comment.

AHCCCS/Department of Health Services/Department of Economic Security/Department of Child Safety – Review of Proposed Capitation Rate Changes – The Committee gave favorable review of AHCCCS' proposed capitation rate changes for the state's Medicaid system. In the aggregate, the proposed rates are expected to save \$(9.7) million relative to the FY 2016 General Fund budgeted amounts.

Department of Environmental Quality – Review of Safe Drinking Water Expenditure Plan – The Committee gave a favorable review of the FY 2016 \$1.8 million expenditure plan for the Safe Drinking Water Program.