

JLBC MEETING

At its November 16, 2017 meeting, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee considered the following issues:

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 network.

Attorney General – Review of Allocation of Settlement Monies – The Committee gave a favorable review a \$469,000 expenditure plan for a staff attorney and other litigation costs associated with opioid manufacturers. These monies were deposited into the Consumer Remediation Subaccount resulting from the State v. McKesson Corporation settlement. The favorable review includes a provision that clarifies the one-time nature of these monies.

Department of Child Safety – Review of FY 2018 First Quarter Benchmarks – The Committee gave a favorable review of the report assessing DCS' progress toward meeting benchmarks for the number of caseworks, caseload standards, the number of backlog cases and open reports, and reducing the number of children in out-of-home care.

Department of Economic Security – Review of Staffing Plan for the Division of Developmental Disabilities – The Committee gave a favorable review of the department's plan to hire 90 positions mandated by the federal government at the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge, and an unfavorable review of DES' lack of data on their out-of-home placement costs. The review included provisions with cost data and long-term plan reporting requirements.

Department of Education – Review of State Aid Correction for Bonita Elementary – The Committee gave a favorable review of a plan to provide Bonita Elementary School with \$115,600 in corrected state aid funding following the settlement of two tax appeals in Arizona Tax Court.

Department of Education – Review of Joint Technical Education District Quarterly Reports – The Committee gave a favorable review of ADE's June 2017 and September 2017 JTED quarterly reports.