



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. JIMMIE WILSON

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair, Representative Wilson.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Wilson, Weiss, Brixie, Mentzer, Morgan, Lightner, Cavitt, and Schuette.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Weiss moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 1, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Andrew Smith, Problem Solving Courts Manager, and Thomas Myers, Problem Solving Courts Analyst, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview and status report on Michigan's problem solving courts (i.e., Drug Treatment Courts, Mental Health Courts, and Veterans Treatment Courts) and the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program. Mr. Smith discussed the purpose of problem solving courts, the importance of a team based approach, and why problem solving courts work. He discussed the types, numbers, and location of courts and provided statistics on court outcomes and recidivism rates. Mr. Myers discussed the purpose of the Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation program, how the program differs from problem solving courts, program eligibility, the structure of the program, and program outcomes. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Representative Jimmie Wilson, Chair

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