

**MINUTES OF THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room C415 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Greiner, Senate Chair
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman, House Chair
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. William "Bill" Hickman
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. Larry B. Wiley
Rep. Carl Wimmer

Members Absent:

Rep. Curtis Oda

Staff Present:

Mr. Stewart E. Smith, Policy Analyst/Special Projects Mgr.
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lockhart, Rep. Morley, Rep. Seelig, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

2. Protected Information Sharing Among Justice Agencies

Mr. Ty McCartney, former legislator, referred to his draft legislation from the 2002 General Session, "Law Enforcement Database Integration" and explained the need for justice and law enforcement agencies to share information.

Ms. Jennifer Hemenway, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), and Mr. Phil Bates, Division of Technology Services, Department of Public Safety (DPS) explained current programs and efforts to improve information sharing among state and local agencies. They answered questions from the committee members.

Sen. Hickman noted that under the restraints of the present economy, he did not feel that the Legislature would approve such a significant budget item at this time.

3. Child and Vulnerable Adult Endangerment Provisions

Rep. Morley and Ms. Jacey Skinner, Office of the Salt Lake City District Attorney, explained 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Child and Vulnerable Adult Endangerment Provisions." They explained that the bill is in the same form as it was at the close of the 2008 General Session. The bill provides penalties for a person who knowingly or intentionally causes or permits a child or a vulnerable adult to be exposed to, inhale, ingest, or have contact with a controlled substance, chemical substance, or drug paraphernalia. Ms. Skinner pointed out one important purpose of the bill is to provide a definition to "exposure."

Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute, spoke in favor of the legislation.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to approve 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Child and Vulnerable Adult Endangerment Provisions," as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Litvack, and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

4. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Hickman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Litvack, and Rep. Lockhart were absent for the vote.

Chair Bowman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.