

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Representatives Carol Dalby, Chair; Kendon Underwood, Vice-Chair; Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Nicole Clowney, Andrew Collins, Cindy Crawford, Jon S. Eubanks, Brian S. Evans, Ashley Hudson, Tippi McCullough, Shad Pearce, R. Scott Richardson, Matthew J. Shepherd, Joy Springer, and Steve Unger

Other members present: Representative Fred Allen, Glenn Barnes, Denise Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Jack Ladyman, Stetson Painter, David Ray, Tracy Steele, and Jeff Wardlaw

Representative Dalby called the meeting to order.

**Consideration to Approve the September 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]**

Representative Beaty made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Evans, and the motion carried.

**Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chair to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committee**

Representative Hudson made a motion to authorize chair to approve special expenses incurred by the committee, seconded by Representative Evans, and the motion carried.

**Discussion of ISP 2025-052 by Representative Carol Dalby – An act to amend the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991; to provide for remote testimony in certain instances in a hearing under the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991; to amend requirements regarding service of pleadings or filings under an order of protection matter; to provide oversight for a domestic violence intervention program; and for other purposes [Exhibit D]**

Representative Dalby and Lindsey Duncan, Citizen, provided testimony regarding the proposed interim study which seeks to amend the Domestic Abuse Act of 1991. Beth Sanders, Executive Director, Arkansas Coalition against Domestic Violence (ACADV), and Barbara Mariani, Legal Counsel, ACADV, provided an overview of the Domestic Violence intervention programs their coalition provides. Hon. “Butch” Hale, Judge, 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District; Hon. Amy Dunn Moore, Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Laura Calhoun, Staff Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts; provided an overview of how ISP 2025-052 would affect the courts.

Representative Dalby made a motion to adopt the interim study proposal, seconded by Representative Springer, and the motion carried.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.