

MINUTES

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS
Meeting Jointly**

Monday, December 2, 2024

1:00 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Alan Clark, Vice-Chair; Ben Gilmore, and Clint Penzo; Representatives Julie Mayberry, Vice-Chair; Keith Brooks, Matt Duffield, Tony Furman, and Joy Springer

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield, Scott Filppo, Kim Hammer, Fredrick Love, Matt Stone, and Gary Stubblefield; Representatives Fred Allen, Stan Berry, Cameron Cooper, Kenneth Ferguson, Jack Fortner, Grant Hodges, Wayne Long, Tippi McCullough, Jay Richardson, and Jeff Wardlaw

Representative Mayberry called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve Meeting Minutes [Exhibits B1-B2]

Representative Springer made a motion to approve the September 23rd meeting minutes, seconded by Representative Furman, and the motion carried.

Representative Furman made a motion to approve the October 24th meeting minutes, seconded by Representative Springer, and the motion carried.

Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) – Tiffany Wright, Director, DCFS [Exhibits C1-C3]

Tiffany Wright, Director, DCFS, provided an overview of the Garrett's Law Referrals Data and Summary, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, and presented DCFS Annual Report Card SFY 2024, providing the total of maltreatment reports received during the fiscal year of 2024.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35p.m.