

MINUTES**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH****Friday, December 6, 2024****10:00 AM****Room B, MAC****Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Bryan King, Chair; Alan Clark, Vice Chair; and Greg Leding

Other members present: Senator Gary Stubblefield; Representatives Cameron Cooper, Jon Eubanks, Jay Richardson, Marcus Richmond, Joy Springer, and Jeff Wardlaw

Senator King called the meeting to order.

Presentation on Proposed Prison in Franklin County [Exhibit B]

Natalie Cadena, Research and Education Chair, Franklin County & River Valley Coalition, delivered a presentation concerning the proposed construction of a prison on Mill Creek Mountain in Franklin County. She outlined several reasons why this site may not be an appropriate choice for the project including that Mill Creek Mountain features Karst Topography, which is characterized by sinkholes, caves, and springs. Ms. Cadena raised concerns about potential structural challenges that could arise from this geological formation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.