

House Criminal Justice Committee
Minutes
September 23, 2021

Chair LaRe called the meeting of the House Criminal Justice Committee to order at 10:08am in Statehouse Room 121. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous committee meeting were read and approved without objection.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 161 for its second hearing.

Tammy Jenkins was present and gave proponent testimony.

Written testimony was submitted by Randi Lamb, Jesse Alan Barker, Angela Garza, and Kimberly Deer

Chair LaRe called House Bill 226 for its third hearing.

No testimony was provided or submitted.

Chair LaRe called Sub. Senate Bill 36 for its third hearing.

Vice-Chair Swearingen motioned to adopt with amendment AM_134_1154-1. Mike Rodgers, Director of Policy and Legislation with the Attorney General's Office, answered questions on the amendment. With an objection, the roll was called. With 6 yeas and 5 nays, the amendment was adopted.

Vice-Chair Swearingen motioned to adopt with amendment AM_134_1155-1. Mike Rodgers, Director of Policy and Legislation with the Attorney General's Office, answered questions on the amendment. With an objection, the roll was called. With 6 yeas and 5 nays, the amendment was adopted.

No testimony was provided or submitted.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 283 for its third hearing.

Representative Abrams motioned to adopt with amendment AM_134_1703. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

John Gordon was present and gave proponent testimony.

Chris Runyan, President of the Ohio Contractors Association and Chair of FOR Ohio, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Written testimony was submitted by Jimmy Stewart, Jacob VanSickle, Lee Ann Wurster, Larry S. Moore, Leah Fullenkamp, Melissa Wheeler, Marco Bonta, Zane T. Daniels, Terry Grice, and Brian O'Connell.

Chair LaRe called House Bill 183 for its second hearing.

Tim Young, State Public Defender with the Office of the Ohio Public Defender, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Tim Young responded to questions asked by committee members.

Stephanie Krider was present and gave proponent testimony.

Mark Godsey, Professor of Law and Director of the Ohio Innocence Project, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Mark Godsey responded to questions asked by committee members.

Jonathan Mann was present and gave proponent testimony.

Jonathan Mann responded to questions asked by committee members.

Jerry Freewalt, Executive Director with Catholic Conference of Ohio, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Jack Sullivan Jr., Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Terry Williams, Clergy Coordinator – Southeast Ohio with Faith in Public Life, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Kevin Werner, Policy Director with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Kevin Werner responded to questions asked by committee members.

Nick Bates, Deacon with Hunger Network in Ohio, was present and gave proponent testimony.

Written testimony was submitted by Jasmine Henderson, Francesco Todaro, Shannon Hanf, Patty Muhleman, Molly Garfield, David Sablosky, Carlo Santoro, Howard Tolley, Richard Clark, Sr. Alice Gerdeman, Arlene Schler, Jan Nespor, Lynn Buffington, Elizabeth E. Asku, Bekky Baker, Kwame Ajamu, Elizabeth A. Hostetler, John C. Calhoun, Gretchen Greenawalt, Karen Leith, and Camille Wimbish.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:39pm.

Chair

Secretary