

Summary of Actions July 24-25, 2008

LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

Agency oversight and bill draft review:

- ✓ Approved for drafting, legislative proposals presented by the Department of Corrections
- ✓ Approved for drafting, legislative proposals presented by the Office of State Public Defender
- ✓ Approved for drafting, the legislative proposal presented by the Judicial Branch
- ✓ Approved for drafting, legislative proposals presented by the Department of Justice

Committee bills approved for further work:

- ✓ Approved as a committee bill and directed further work on **LCyth4** - revising the evaluation and placement of youth under the Youth Court Act.
- ✓ Approved as a committee bill and directed further work on **LCLJC2** - establishing a pilot project under the DPHHS for suicide screening and suicide prevention in detention centers.
- ✓ Approved as a committee bill and directed further work on **LCdvrs** - providing for the diversion of mentally ill persons from the justice system; providing state funding for county-supported jail diversion and crisis intervention services and allowing for voluntary diversion from involuntary commitment of persons for mental illness.

Committee bills approved in final form:

- ✓ **LCdrug** - removing obsolete funding language in drug court statutes.
- ✓ **LC0198** - requiring an attorney in youth detention hearings unless waived after consulting an attorney.
- ✓ **LC0199** - adding the 22nd judicial district to the list of represented areas on the judicial nomination commission.
- ✓ **LCjdg2** - increasing salaries for district court judges and supreme court justices.

Other actions:

- ✓ **Appointed a subcommittee** to continue work on **LC7776** - clarifying responsibility for payment of medical costs when a person is injured when being detained by law enforcement.
- ✓ Decided to **NOT** pursue a committee bill concerning consideration by a jury of prior offenses in certain DUI and sex offense cases and to extend sentencing to ensure enrollment in DUI treatment program.