



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice

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William L. Lassiter, Deputy Secretary

Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee  
3010 Hammond Business Place  
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Monday, December 4, 2017

### Members

Bill Davis – Co-Chair, Honorable Garry Frank – Co-Chair, Secretary Erik A. Hooks, Betty Budd, Tarrah Callahan, Honorable Darren E. Campbell, Honorable J.H. Corpening, Michelle Hall, Krista Hiatt, Rachel Johnson, Honorable Jennifer Knox, Deputy Secretary William L. Lassiter, Chief Jeffrey Ledford, Kym Martin, Martin McGee, Carol McManus, Robert Rader, Mary Stansell, Heather Taraska, Marion Warren, Eric Zogry

### Presenters

LaToya Blackmon-Powell, Justice Barbara Jackson, Jessica Smith

### Guests

Ann Anderson, Catherine Anderson, Susan Birdsong, Dawn Blagrove, Ryan Boyce, Andy Brandon, Colin Campbell, Venecia Carr, Pamela Cashwell, Darryl Childers, William Childs, Duane Cogdell, Emily Coltrane, Alicia Davis, Susanna Davis, Maxine Evans-Armwood, Dale Floyd, Tawanda Foster, Brad Fowler, Jane Gilchrist, Jeffrey Goldsmith, Gene Hallock, Sonya Harper, Jonathan Harris, Erin Hickey, Casandra Hoekstra, Doug Holbrook, Meagan Honnold, Megan Howell, Adam Johnson, Jonathan Joseph, Diana Kees, Chuck Mallonee, Peggy Nichols, Cindy Porterfield, Kimberly Quintus, Carrie Randa, Mike Rieder, Gary Skinner, Angela Smith, James Speight, Dr. Jean Steinberg, Joe Testino, George Tkach, Ricky Watson, Mark White, Theresa Williams, McKinley Wooten

### Welcome

Deputy Secretary William L. Lassiter opened the meeting and introduced Secretary Eric A. Hooks, who thanked the committee members and spoke on their commitment to Raise the Age.

### Swearing-In and Remarks

Justice Barbara Jackson spoke on the meaning of Raise the Age and conducted the swearing-in ceremony for 21 members of the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee.

### Introduction

Co-Chair Bill D. Davis welcomed the committee members and asked that members introduce themselves.

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## **North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice, Committee Work**

Jessie Smith, University of North Carolina Professor of Public Law and Government, gave a presentation on the work involved in the passage of Raise the Age. The PowerPoint presentation included:

- Overview of evidence
  - Commission proposal was balanced in that everyone didn't get everything they wanted
  - Included Raise the Age and a number of other recommendations that were raised during the process
  - Important considerations raised by law enforcement and others
  - Process took hundreds of hours
- Highlights of issues that were heavily debated
  - Covered offenses
  - Transfers
  - Pretrial custody/transport
  - Information needs

Kym Martin, Executive Director, Center for Safer Schools, noted that there is a lack of uniformity across the state in the type of programs/services offered to youth.

## **Statutory Charge & Raise the Age Rationale, Data**

Deputy Secretary William Lassiter gave a presentation on Raise the Age, which included:

- Juvenile Justice History
- Juvenile Justice Structure
- Juvenile Justice Court Process
- Myths
- Raise the Age Proposal
- Juvenile Justice Statistics
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
  - Co-Chairs
  - Quorum
  - Consultation
  - Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice to staff and resource
  - Terminate 2/2023 or upon filing of final report (earliest)
  - First report due March 1, 2018
  - Additional yearly reports due March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Reporting required
  - Duties
  - Report to Legislature
  - Possible exclusions

## **Legislation, Planning, and Policy Considerations**

Deputy Secretary Lassiter and Assistant Legal Counsel, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts LaToya B. Powell presented information on the legislation, planning, and policy considerations involved in Raise the Age.

- What is in the Legislation
  - Juvenile Age Increase
  - Motor Vehicle Exclusion
  - Maximum Age of Jurisdiction
  - Expedited Transfer For 16- & 17-Year-Olds
  - Indictment by Prosecutor
  - Juvenile Gang Suppression
  - Gang Enhancement
  - Greater Protections for Victims
  - Greater Law Enforcement Access to Information
  - J-Wise Access
  - School-Justice Partnerships
  - Training for Law Enforcement
  - Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee
- Implementation Dates
  - 7/1/17 J-Wise Access (Administrative Office of The Courts Electronic Record)
  - 7/1/17 School-Justice Partnerships
  - 7/1/17 Training for Law Enforcement Officers and Sheriffs
  - 7/1/17 Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee Created
  - 10/1/17 Victim Rights (Intake Letters)
  - 10/1/17 Law Enforcement Access to Information (Consultations)
  - 3/1/18 Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Submits Interim Report to North Carolina General Assembly
  - 12/1/19 New Juvenile Jurisdiction BEGINS
  - 12/1/19 Juvenile Gang Suppression
  - 1/15/23 Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee Submits Final Report to North Carolina General Assembly
- Policy Considerations
  - Early Intervention Funding
  - Transportation
  - Detention
- Raise the Age Opportunities: Planning and Implementation

Kym Martin asked why the 60-bed facility was one of the only appropriations to be approved this year? Deputy Secretary Lassiter responded that due to the nature of building, it will take the longest time for this process to be completed.

## **Stakeholder Forums Update**

Deputy Secretary Lassiter announced that Kimberly Quintus would be the point of contact for everything related to Raise the Age.

## **Next Steps & Chairs' Expectations**

Co-Chair Bill Davis stated that we have a daunting task ahead of us. The committee's next two meetings will take place on January 11th and February 5th. We will be working on agendas for those meetings. If anyone has any agenda items, please get the information to Kimberly Quintus as timely as you can. We received some input about rotating days of the week.

Call for announcements:

Eric Zogry asked if there will be other resources available to the committee so they can break out into workgroups to address specific issues to bring back to full committee.

Bill Davis responded yes, this is something that should be looked at. We will have conversations regarding priorities. Workgroups and subcommittees are something we should consider.

Kym Martin voiced concerns regarding juvenile complaints from schools. Training of School Resource Officers and getting together with school officials to see what the policies are for handling complaints in school- Do we need to consider some sort of certification or training requirements for SROs?

Co-Chair Garry Frank stated that it is important to get together with your co-workers and discuss the issues that are relevant to your areas. Get yourself up to speed so the committee can tackle the issues.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

## **Additional Instructions**

Any changes to your contact information should be sent to [kimberly.quintus@ncdps.gov](mailto:kimberly.quintus@ncdps.gov).

## **Next meetings**

- 1/11/18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- 2/5/18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Minutes taken by:

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