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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 29, 2001
Meeting Time: 3 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 125
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. Patricia Miller, Chairperson; Sen. James Lewis; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Richard Mangus.

Members Absent: None.

(1) Call to Order

The second meeting of the Legislative Evaluation Oversight Policy Committee was called to order at 3:10 PM. Senator Patricia Miller, Chairperson, began the discussion of topics under review by the committee.

(2) Issues before the Committee

The meeting began with Sen. Weatherwax discussing his proposal to study the certification process for nursing homes. His concerns started with the closure of a facility in his district that served the mentally ill and involve the fact that the facility is overseen by the Family and Social Services Agency, but regulated by the Department of Health. Sen. Miller asked whether Sen. Weatherwax would like to have the Legislative Services Agency do an evaluation or if he would like to look at the possibility of preparing legislation that would set up an alternative review process. The legislation was agreed to.

The committee then heard from Kathy Nolan with the Department of Transportation on the issue of billboard denial and removal. Sen. Miller indicated that in the south and southwest

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sections of the state, smaller companies are having a harder time getting approval of their applications to erect billboards and that their billboards are removed more frequently. Ms. Nolan explained that the Department issues permits on a first come, first served bases. Often smaller companies will have incomplete applications and by the time that they complete the application, a larger company has already filed. Kathy Nolan suggested that the Department look at the possibility of counting an incomplete application the first application received. The Department is currently able to provide the names of businesses that had applied for permits, but not the disposition of those applications.

Rep. Mangus addressed the committee on recycling. He gave some examples of instances where recycling efforts appear to be falling down and where funding levels did not appear to coincide with level of effort. Vince Griffin with the State Chamber of Commerce then addressed the committee questioning the recycle effort within the state and the part that business can play.

(3) Subcommittee's Recommendations to the Legislative Council

The committee reviewed other items under consideration from the prior meeting and suggested by legislators since that meeting. This included a review of the Family and Social Services Administration Structure and its fiscal impact statement process, the Department of Insurance, license fee increases by the Health Professions Bureau, a review of the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services within the Family and Social Services Administration, and the reimbursement system for the Child Care Voucher Program.

Sen. Lewis moved and Rep. Brown supported a resolution that during the 2002 General Assembly Session, the Legislative Services Agency study license fee increases and provide an informational report on the State Board of Audit's review of the reimbursement system for the Child Care Voucher Program, in addition to the two carryover topics - the fiscal note process used by the Department of Health and an evaluation of State Fire Marshal. Also, the resolution should include instructions to undertake the evaluation of recycling including solid waste management districts beginning in June 2002, with a report due in 2003. The resolution was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.