

# Interim Study Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code

Sen. Michael Young  
Chairperson

Rep. Thomas Washburne  
Vice-Chairperson



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## MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 24, 2017  
Time: 1:30 PM  
Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 130  
City: Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Meeting Number: 4

### Members Present

Sen. Rodric Bray  
Rep. Edward DeLaney  
Sen. Aaron Freeman  
Rep. Ryan Hatfield  
Rep. Wendy McNamara  
Rep. Sharon Negele  
Rep. Matt Pierce  
Rep. Gregory Steuerwald  
Sen. Greg Taylor  
Sen. James Tomes  
Rep. Thomas Washburne  
Sen. Michael Young  
Kellie Bittorf, Executive Director, Lake County Community Corrections  
Linda Brady, Chief Probation Officer, Monroe Circuit Court Probation Department  
Robert Carter, Commissioner, Department of Correction  
Michael McAlexander, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

### Members Absent

Sen. Timothy Lanane  
Sen. Karen Tallian

Senator Young convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

(1) Testimony

Senator Young recognized Brad Ray, Ph.D. to describe the evaluation that he is performing on the Recovery Works Program (Exhibits 1 and 2). He indicated that there has been an increase in supportive service from Recovery Works and stated that earlier research (on Indiana's Access to Recovery program) suggests that the most successful programs for promoting re-entry and recovery for convicted felons address the barriers of returning inmates who participate in these programs as well as mental health or substance use problems. One of the significant barriers to successful re-entry identified in the Recovery Works evaluation was the lack of housing.

(2) Consideration of Legislative Proposals and Final Report

The Committee examined the information provided in Exhibits 3 and 4 when reviewing the draft of the final report. After discussion, the Committee recommended adoption of PD 3317 and PD 3318.

After further discussion, the committee approved the final report by a vote of 10 in favor and 3 opposed.

Senator Young adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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