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West Virginia Legislature
Charleston, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §31-20-26, the Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority makes the following report to the Legislature during its 2014 Regular Session.

The Committee met seven times during the 2013 Interim Period.

During the 2013 Interim Period, the Committee received various reports from representatives of the:

Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority;

Division of Corrections; and

Division of Juvenile Services.

The Committee also received presentations from

Mark Reynolds, Director, TBN Second Chance;

Joe Garcia, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Governor;

Nancy Atkins, MSN, RN, NP-BC, Commissioner, Bureau for Medical Services;

Dennis Foreman, Chairman, West Virginia Parole Board.

Major topics of Committee consideration and discussion during the Interim Period included:

- The treatment opportunities for inmates housed in regional jails;
- The potential contract to house up to 400 inmates in an out-of-state facility;
- The parole rate and what parole decisions are based upon;
- The status of 2013 Senate Bill 371 and its effect on the Department of Corrections and the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority.

During the 2012 Interim Period the Committee was informed of the following information of special significance:

- Inmate populations in regional jails decreased from 4,479 on January 3, 2013, to 4,039 on January 2, 2014.
- The number of state-sentenced inmates being housed in regional jails decreased from 1,761 to 1,210 during this period.

Inmates Housed in Regional Jails				
Regional Jail	Inmate Count as of 1/3/13	Inmate Count as of 1/2/14	Number of State-Sentenced Inmates as of 1/3/13	Number of State-Sentenced Inmates as of 1/2/14
Central (Flatwoods)	285	278	53	20
Eastern (Martinsburg)	416	408	117	117
North Central (West Union)	566	538	173	83

Northern (Moundsville)	303	286	143	115
Potomac Highlands (Augusta)	270	238	132	110
South Central (Charleston)	548	429	184	148
Southern	530	536	92	68
Soutwestern (Holden)	481	354	282	159
Tygart Valley (Belington)	462	444	309	256
Western (Barboursville)	618	528	276	134
Totals	4479	4039	1761	1210

Respectfully submitted,

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