

# Senate Bill 581 Workgroup Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** November 7, 2022

**Location:** VADOC Headquarters, 6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

**Appointed members in attendance:** Sheriff Joe Baron (attended virtually); Ted Hull (attended virtually); Shawn Weneta; Daniel Rosen (attended virtually); Bianca Tylek (attended virtually); Chuck Meire (attended virtually); Andy Elders; Paulettra James; Ben Knotts (proxy for Jeremiah Mosteller); Santia Nance; Pelicia Hall; Mike Evancho; Senator Joe Morrissey; Delegate Amanda Batten.

**Stakeholders attending in person:** Matt Wheeler and Katie Boyle.

In addition to the members who attended virtually, several stakeholders joined virtually.

**Board of Local and Regional Jails Staff Present:** Ryan McCord, Executive Director and Colleen Maxwell, Policy Analyst

## Call to Order

Senator Morrissey called the meeting to order at approximately 2:10 PM.

## Approval of Minutes

Delegate Batten, seconded by Mr. Weneta, moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022 minutes. All members voted in favor of approval.

## Data Analysis Discussion

Senator Morrissey lead the discussion of the survey data received. He deferred to Mr. Weneta and Mr. Meire for the specifics. Mr. Meire reported that 16 contracts were received, all of which were heavily redacted. He added that survey included a request that each facility submit 5 years of financial records; however, no responses were received. Finally, he stated that the contracts received provided no useful data.

Discussion among the members followed. Sheriff Baron and Mr. Hull expressed their concerns that the survey instrument was lacking in both form and function. Senator Morrissey questioned whether all of the redacted information was proprietary to which Mr. Meire responded that additional information was redacted that would not constitute proprietary information. Ms. Hall shared that some of the information redacted was to protect her company in negotiations. Ms. Tylek stated that the FCC does not find that commission data and fee data constitutes proprietary data. Additional comments were made by Mr. Evancho and Ms. James.

Mr. Weneta added that no debit card program contracts, lock-box contracts, no commissary contracts were received.

### **Committee Report Out**

Senator Morrissey stated that the Commissary Committee had nothing to report.

Delegate Batten stated that the Communications Committee did not receive sufficient information to make a report.

Delegate Hope, Chair of the Other Costs Committee was not in attendance.

Senator Morrissey reminded the members that they are charged with producing a report by December 1, 2022. He asked that the subcommittee members share their comments directly with him via email [senatorjoemorrissey@gmail.com](mailto:senatorjoemorrissey@gmail.com) by November 15, 2022. He added that the substance of the report will be prepared by the workgroup. He then asked Mr. Weneta if a draft of the report could be created by November 21, 2022. Mr. Weneta responded in the affirmative. Senator Morrissey added that a draft report will be sent to every member by November 24, 2022.

### **Motion by Senator Morrissey**

Senator Morrissey moved that the content of SB 581 be reintroduced in the 2023 General Assembly Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knotts. Affirmative votes were entered by all with the exception of nay votes entered by Sheriff Baron and Mr. Hull. The motion was approved by majority.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.