Chair Bentz called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Committee members present included Vice-Chair Lockman; Representatives Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, and Yearick; Senators Delcollo, Hansen, and Lopez. Staff present included Mark Brainard, Jr. & Amanda McAtee, JLOSC Analysts; Holly Vaughn Wagner, Legislative Attorney for the JLOSC and Deputy Director of the Division of Research; Natalie White, Administrative Specialist; Jeff Chubbs, Legislative Fellow. Absent from the meeting were Senator Walsh and Representative Bennett. A quorum was met.

Chair Bentz welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC”) of the 150th General Assembly, Second Session and called for introductions from members of the committee and staff.

Chair Bentz moved to item 2 on the agenda, the approval of the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Representative Dorsey Walker motioned to approve the January 28, 2020 minutes as written and Senator Lopez seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with Representatives Bentz, Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen, Lopez, voting in favor, no opposed with Representative Bennett and Senators Delcollo and Walsh not present at the time of vote.

Chair Bentz moved to item 3 on the agenda, the holdover presentation for the Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (“DACCTE”) and introduced Dr. Manera Constantine, Executive Director, and Mr. Samuel Latham, Chairman. Dr. Constantine introduced herself and provided updates based on the recommendations approved by the committee during the first session of the 150th General Assembly and plans for DACCTE’s social media presence. Mr. Latham reiterated the importance for apprenticeship programs in Delaware.

Chair Bentz called Mark Brainard to speak on the recommendations that were being presented to the Committee to consider regarding DACCTE. The first recommendation adds an update to DACCTE’s annual report outlining the steps taken to provide CTE students and their families with timely information regarding educational, employment, and training opportunities. The second recommendation releases DACCTE from review upon the submission of its annual report.

Senator Lopez made a motion that the committee accept the two recommendations as written, which was seconded by Representative Dorsey Walker. The motion carried 8-0, with Representatives Bentz, Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen,
Chair Bentz moved to item 4 on the agenda, the holdover presentation for the Council on Correction and introduced Vice-Chair Muhammad Salaam, and Council Secretary Jane Hovington.

Vice-Chair Salaam presented information from the Council’s newly drafted annual report. The discussion continued regarding the Council’s need for administrative assistance.

C. Edwin Perez, Council member, stepped forward to reiterate the need for staff assistance given the Council’s current lack of resources.

Chair Bentz called Mark Brainard to speak on the new recommendation presented for the committee’s consideration. The recommendation states the JLOSC will sponsor legislation enabling the Criminal Justice Council (“CJC”) to provide any necessary administrative support to the Council on Correction. The Council would continue to operate within its bylaws and governing statute in Chapter 89, Title 29, but the CJC would have the ability to provide the necessary staff support. Additionally, a 5-year sunset provision would be included in the legislation.

Representative Spiegelman made a motion to approve the recommendation as written, which was seconded by Representative Dorsey Walker. The motion carried 7-0, with Representatives Bentz, Dorsey Walker, Spiegelman, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Delcollo, and Hansen, voting in favor, no opposed. Representative Bennett and Senators Lopez and Walsh were not present at the time of vote.

Chair Bentz reminded the Committee that the next holdover meeting for Adult Protective Services and the Delaware Health Information Network was scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the JFC Hearing Room.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

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Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.