

**REPORT OF THE
CHARITABLE, PENAL, & CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

August 15, 2025

Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

The Charitable, Penal, & Correctional Institutions Subcommittee met Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in Committee Room MAC-A, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Subcommittee reviewed the June 2025 final monthly report from the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.

The Subcommittee conducted an investigation into the prisoner escape from Calico Rock and reviewed policies and protocols from the Arkansas Department of Corrections regarding security. The Subcommittee heard testimony from the Warden of the North Central Unit along with the Department of Corrections, Arkansas State Police, and members of the Arkansas Board of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted, Senator Matt McKee and Representative Howard M. Beaty, Jr.

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Representative Eaves and Senator Gilmore:

The Charitable, Penal, & Correctional Institutions Subcommittee met Monday, August 11, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in Committee Room MAC-A, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Subcommittee heard an update on the status of the Arkansas State Police report regarding the prisoner escape from the North Central Unit in Calico Rock, Arkansas, along with testimony from the Department of Corrections regarding their critical incident review of the prisoner escape from Calico Rock.

The Subcommittee heard a presentation regarding the state inmate population in Arkansas prisons facilities. The Subcommittee also heard testimony regarding inmate deaths that have occurred within Arkansas prisons as well as the utilization of reentry programs for eligible inmates from the Department of Corrections, members of the Board of Corrections, and an owner of a reentry facility based in Little Rock.

Respectfully submitted, Representative Howard M. Beaty, Jr. and Senator Matt McKee