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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

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EDUCATION, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, & MISCELLANEOUS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
CHAD A. READLER, CHAIR  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

Chairman Readler called the meeting of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Subcommittee on Education, Public Institutions, Miscellaneous & Local Government to order at 9:36 a.m. A quorum was present.

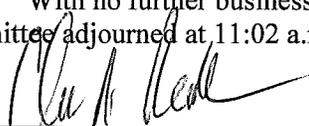
The Chairman called on John Barron of the Ohio Casino Control Commission to address Article XV (Miscellaneous). Mr. Barron's testimony reflected on Article 15 Section 6 (C) of the Constitution. He gave an overview of Section 6, an explanation of the Casino Control Commission, and a general update on the four existing casinos in Ohio. He did note that nothing in the Constitution, specifically Article 15 Section 6 (C) restricts the Casino Control Commission in any way. In light of HB 7 of the 130<sup>th</sup> GA, Representative Huffman inquired/suggested the committee consider a clarification of the term "lottery" within the Constitution.

The Chairman called on Gregory Trout, Chief Counsel for the Bureau of Criminal Identifications and Investigations and former Chief Counsel to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to address part of Article VII (Public Institutions). Mr. Trout's testimony reflected on Article 7 Section 2 and indicated that the provisions appear obsolete when compared against the State's current system of rehabilitations and corrections. He provided an overview of the article and section of the Constitution and an update and overview of the prison systems in the state. Mr. Trout provided testimony and responded to questions asked by the committee members.

The Chairman called on Stephen Wilson of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission. Mr. Wilson also addressed Article 7 Section 1 that pertains to "Institutions for the benefit of the insane, blind, and deaf and dumb." Mr. Wilson suggested several updates to this section of the Constitution and commented that the language has not been amended since 1851 and is one of the only sections to never be amended in any way. The current language in this section does not properly reflect the values of Ohio citizens with disabilities. The language also contradicts the work that is currently being done within the Rehabilitation Services Commission to focusing on the abilities of the individual rather than the disabilities.

Chairman Readler moved to discuss the next two meetings of the Committee. Local government will be discussed on July 11, 2013 and education will be discussed on August 8, 2013.

With no further business, Vice Chair Gilbert moved to adjourn, Mr. Beckett seconded, and the committee adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

  
CHAD READLER, CHAIR

  
EDWARD GILBERT, VICE CHAIR