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Director of Legal Affairs
G. Stewart Petoe

Tuesday, September 3, 2013
General Assembly Building
Senate Room A
10:00 A.M.

DRAFT MEETING AGENDA

****NOTE: PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE HEARD AFTER EACH TOPIC****

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2012, MINUTES/PRESENTATION OF 2012 ANNUAL REPORT**
Delegate Robert B. Bell, Chair
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**
Delegate Robert B. Bell, Chair
- III. **PRIOR SEX OFFENSES ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE (HB 1766/SB 1114)**
Thomas E. Cleator, Sr. Staff Attorney, Virginia State Crime Commission
The Crime Commission was requested to review the possibility of allowing prior convictions or criminal acts in child sexual abuse cases.
- IV. **CHILD PROSTITUTION (HB 1991)**
G. Stewart Petoe, Director of Legal Affairs, Virginia State Crime Commission
The Crime Commission was requested to review the possibility of decriminalizing child prostitution, with the understanding that children engaged in prostitution should be handled as children in need of services, rather than going through the criminal justice system. The bill also creates an affirmative defense for prostitution if force or deception was involved.
- V. **EXPUNGEMENT OF FORCED PROSTITUTION CONVICTIONS (HB 1541/SB 1273)**
G. Stewart Petoe, Director of Legal Affairs, Virginia State Crime Commission
The Crime Commission was requested to review the possibility of allowing for the expungement of a prostitution conviction, if it can be shown that the defendant had been forced to work as a prostitute.
- VI. **WRITS OF ACTUAL INNOCENCE (HB 1919)**
Holly Boyle, Policy Analyst, Virginia State Crime Commission
The Crime Commission was requested to review the possibility of allowing the Commonwealth's Attorney to join in a petition for a writ of actual innocence.
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m., Senate Room A, GAB.