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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Good
3 afternoon. At this time I will call the
4 Public Safety Committee to order and ask the
5 clerk to call the roll.

6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you ma'am.
7 Public Safety Committee roll call. Legislator
8 Debra Mule.

9 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Siela
11 Bynoe.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
16 Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Legislator John
18 Ferretti.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
21 Melesa Pilip.

22 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Vice-Chairman
24 Steven Rhoads.

25 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Chairman Denise
3 Ford.

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

5 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
6 ma'am.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very
8 much sir. There's one item on the agenda
9 today which is clerk item 66-22. Clerk item
10 66-22 is an ordinance supplemental to the an
11 appropriation ordinance in connection with the
12 probation department.

13 May I have a motion. Moved by
14 Legislator Pilip. Seconded by Legislator
15 Rhoads. The item is before us. Good
16 afternoon sir.

17 MR. LANSMAN: Good afternoon.
18 Chairwoman Ford, Vice-chair Rhoads and
19 members. Douglas Lansman, probation.

20 The item before you is number 66-22
21 for our annual supervision and treatment
22 services grant known as STIP. It's now in its
23 11th year of operation. It seeks alternatives
24 to detention. The grant is \$265,000 of which
25 62 percent is reimbursable by the state.

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2 The STIP program, the juveniles
3 program, is part of the state's initiative for
4 juvenile justice reform. The program seeks to
5 increase the number of juvenile delinquents
6 referred to and adjusted at probation intake
7 thereby reducing the number of retention claim
8 care days and establishes viable alternatives
9 to residential placement.

10 There is one CPI that the grant
11 has. It also contains peer diversion court,
12 juvenile justice services, electronic
13 monitoring, officer supervision, community
14 service and interactive journaling.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: So it's working
16 to try to keep some of these younger people
17 from going to be incarcerated, correct?

18 MR. LANSMAN: That's the idea.
19 It's called alternatives to detention. If we
20 can implement some of these programs prior to
21 children going into JDC it's a big savings.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: How many young
23 people do you have involved in this? Do you
24 have a number?

25 MR. LANSMAN: Yes. As a matter

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2 of fact I have some quick stats. Children who
3 are placed on electronic monitoring during the
4 year 2020 to 2021 would be 159 cases or people
5 served. 159. We've had FCATS, family court
6 appearance tickets, 27 people. Peer diversion
7 court we've had 70 people served. Interactive
8 journaling 19. And community service
9 monitoring there were zero because we were not
10 able to do anything during COVID.

11 LEGISLATOR FORD: Do you also
12 follow the numbers with some of the young
13 people that are in this diversion program? Do
14 you look to see if once they are now, whether
15 they served their time, I don't even know the
16 proper terminology, they basically have served
17 it, now they don't have to go to this court,
18 don't have to have the monitoring. Do they
19 check to see if any of them, like, any
20 recidivism where they come back for this or do
21 they find it's more successful keeping them
22 from getting into trouble again?

23 MR. LANSMAN: That's an excellent
24 suggestion. I don't know if we have stats on
25 that. I can certainly check. The idea is to

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2 of course keeping people from recidivism.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: That might be
4 good so that like at least we know if the
5 programs are working which ones are working
6 the best. I'm hoping that -- because a lot of
7 times when they do go to jail they can become
8 even worse criminals because they're with a
9 certain group of people. I'd like to try to
10 see how many we can put on a better path.

11 MR. LANSMAN: Understood.
12 Hopefully this will prevent kids from being
13 involved in further crimes in their lives.
14 This will stop it at this point.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: If they have
16 bracelets on do they get to go to regular
17 school or they can't?

18 MR. LANSMAN: Yes. I believe
19 so. The idea is to keep them out of the
20 system and enable them to continue their lives
21 as normal.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Wonderful.
23 Thank you. Legislator Mule.

24 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you madam
25 chair. I may have misheard but did I hear you

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2 say 265,000 or -- okay. Because what I'm
3 seeing here is 164,000.

4 MR. LANSMAN: Yes, that's correct
5 legislator. It's 265,000 and out of which 62
6 percent is reimbursed.

7 LEGISLATOR MULE: This is the
8 reimbursed?

9 MR. LANSMAN: Yes, it is.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Anyone else?
11 Any public comment? Seeing none, all those in
12 favor of passing this item please signify by
13 saying aye. Opposed? The item passes
14 unanimously.

15 There is no other business in front
16 of this committee. May I have a motion to
17 adjourn. Moved by Legislator Rhoads.
18 Seconded by Legislator Ferretti. All those in
19 favor? We are adjourned.

20 (Committee adjourned at 2:08 p.m.)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
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FRANK GRAY