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**SENATOR JUDY EMMONS, CHAIR**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
FAMILIES, SENIORS, AND  
HUMAN SERVICES  
MINUTES  
March 7, 2012**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Chairwoman Emmons called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m., at the time attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Chairwoman Emmons, Sen. (s) Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Absent: NONE

A quorum was established.

The chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 29, 2012 meeting. Senator Nofs so moved, with Senator Gregory supporting. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons announced the order of business:

- SB 1005 Sen. Emmons Juveniles; other; certain child development training for lawyer-guardian ad litem; require, and modify termination of parental rights provisions.

Chairwoman Emmons invited Steve Yager and Colin Parks from the Department of Human Services Child Protective Services Program Office to testify in support of SB 1005.

Bill Kandler, representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 1005 but did not wish to speak.

Bill Kandler, representing the Children's Law Section- State Bar and the Family Law Section- State Bar, submitted testimony cards regarding concerns towards SB 1005 but did not wish to speak.

Chairwoman Emmons then entertained a motion by Senator Nofs, with Senator Gregory supporting, to report SB 1005 with recommendation.

Yeas: Sen. (s) Emmons, Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: NONE

The bill was reported.

Next, the chairwoman entertained a motion by Senator Rocca, with Senator Nofs supporting, to give SB 1005 immediate effect. Without objection the bill was given immediate effect.

Being no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:17 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: 3/14/12**

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)