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SENATOR JUDY EMMONS, CHAIR

MINUTES
April 17, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: Sen. Gregory

Absent: NONE

A quorum was established.

The chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the committee minutes of March 20, 2013. Sen. Rocca so moved. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Chairwoman Emmons announced the order of business:

Agenda:

- HB 4042 (Rep. Kelly) – Human services; food assistance; criteria for the issuance of Michigan bridge cards; modify.
- HB 4050 (Rep. Kurtz) – Children; protection; children's ombudsman to investigate victims of child abuse or neglect; expand criteria to include children who have died as a result of child abuse or neglect.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Kelly forward to summarize HB 4042 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards concerning HB 4042:

- Karyn Ferrick, Department of Human Services (DHS) – Neutral

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Kurtz forward to summarize HB 4050 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards concerning HB 4050:

- Verlie Ruffin, Office of the Children's Ombudsman – Support
- Charlotte Smith, Office of the Children's Ombudsman – Support

Chairwoman Emmons entertained a motion to excuse absent members. Senator Nofs so moved and, without objection, he was excused.

Karyn Ferrick, DHS, and Amy Hundley, DHS, gave a presentation on the recent report from DHS in regards to lottery winnings and DHS benefits.

Being no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:36 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: May 8, 2013

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