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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 24, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on September 24, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. She instructed the Clerk to call the roll. Attendance was recorded as follows: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory, a quorum.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the committee minutes of September 17, 2014. Sen. Rocca so moved. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding HB 4649 and HB 4650:

- Orlene Harris, Office of Children's Ombudsman – Support
- Stacie Bladen, DHS – Supports HB 4649

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 4649 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, supported by Sen. Gregory, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4649. Sen. Nofs so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to HB 4650. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 4650 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4650 (S-1). Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman invited Sen. Caswell to summarize SB 973, SB 974, SB 975 and SB 1086 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding SB 973, SB 974, SB 975 and SB 1086:

- Ben Bodkin, MI Association of Family Court Admin. – Has Concerns
- Dana Gill & Jon Campbell, MAC – Oppose SB 973, Neutral on SB 975
- Matthew VanZetten & Wayman Britt, Kent County – Support
- Steve Yager, DHS – Support in concept
- Karyn Ferrick, DHS – Support in concept

The following submitted a testimony card regarding SB 973, SB 974, SB 975 and SB 1086, but did not wish to speak:

- Christine Piatkowski, Children’s Law Section of the State Bar – Oppose
- George Tyndall, Bethany Christian Services – Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the Nofs Amendment to the (S-3) version of SB 973. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-3) substitute as amended to SB 973. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 973 (S-3) as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca and Nofs

Nays: None

Abstain: Sen. Gregory

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 973 (S-3) as amended. Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the Nofs Amendment to the (S-1) version of SB 974. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute as amended to SB 974. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 974 (S-1) as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 974 (S-1) as amended. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the Nofs Amendment to the (S-1) version of SB 975. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute as amended to SB 975. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 975 (S-1) as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca and Nofs

Nays: None

Abstain: Sen. Gregory

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 975 (S-1) as amended. Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the Nofs Amendment to SB 1086. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 1086 as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca and Nofs

Nays: None

Abstain: Sen. Gregory

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1086 as amended. Sen. Nofs so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding SB 994, SB 995, SB 996 and SB 997:

- Stacie Bladen, DHS – Support in concept

The following submitted a testimony card regarding SB 994, SB 995, SB 996 and SB 997, but did not wish to speak:

- Christine Piatkowski, Children’s Law Section of the State Bar – Support
- Janet Snyder, Michigan Federation for Children and Families – Support
- Ben Bodkin, MI Association of Family Court Admin. – Has concerns

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 994 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 994. Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 995 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 995. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 996 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 996. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 997 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Gregory so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 997. Sen. Nofs so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman invited Reps. Kowall and Heise to summarize HB 5012 and HB 5026 for the committee.

The Chairwoman invited Kelly Carter, from the Attorney General's office, to provide testimony regarding HB 5012, HB 5026, HB 5158, HB 5233, HB 5234, HB 5235, HB 5236 and HB 5237 for the committee. She is in support of the bills.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-2) substitute to HB 5012. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5012 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5012 (S-2). Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to HB 5026. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5026 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5026 (S-1). Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The following submitted a testimony card regarding SB 596, but did not wish to speak:

- Lesia Liss, Healthplus of Michigan – Support
- Christine Shearer, MAHP – Support
- Rebecca Mastee, Michigan Catholic Conference – Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-2) substitute to SB 596. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report SB 596 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Gregory so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 596 (S-2). Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-2) substitute to HB 5158. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5158 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Gregory so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5158 (S-2). Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Heise and Kelly Carter to summarize HB 5233, HB 5234, HB 5235 and HB 5236 for the committee.

The following submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5233, HB 5234, HB 5235 and HB 5236, but did not wish to speak:

- Evie Sweeney, MI Housing Council – Opposes HB 5233
- Christine Shearer, MAHP – Support
- Rebecca Mastee, Michigan Catholic Conference – Support
- Mia McNeil, Property Management Association of Michigan – Opposes HB 5233
- Lesia Liss, Healthplus of Michigan – Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5233 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca and Nofs

Nays: None

Abstain: Sen. Gregory

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5233. Sen. Rocca so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5234 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5234. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5235 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Nofs so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5235. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5236 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5236. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to report HB 5237 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Rocca so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Emmons (C), Rocca, Nofs and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5237. Sen. Gregory so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:26 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 10/1/2014

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