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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Members excused: none

Senator Jones called the meeting to order and announced the order of business for the meeting:

SB 318 Sen. Jones Corrections; parole; parole of certain juvenile offenders; allow under certain circumstances.

SB 319 Sen. Jones Criminal procedure; sentencing; procedures for determining whether juvenile convicted of murder should be sentenced to imprisonment without parole eligibility; provide for.

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from September 3, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee SB 318, SB 319, and the S-1 Substitute to SB 319. He then explained the legislation and answered questions for committee members.

Senator Bieda offered up an amendment to SB 318 and the S-1 Substitute to SB 319. He explained the amendments and answered questions for committee members.

The following persons testified before the committee on SB 318 and SB 319:

- Alan Cropsey, Director of Legislative Relations at Attorney General – Support
- Jody Robinson, Citizen – Support
- Ken Samborski, Citizen – Support
- James Sorensen, Citizen – Support

- Jack Cotaling, Citizen – Support
- Jonathan Sacks, State Appellate Defenders Office – Neutral

The following persons submitted testimony cards concerning SB 318 and SB 319, but did not wish to speak:

- Steven Babcock, Citizen – Support
- Kimberly Sorensen, Citizen – Support
- Sheila Horkan Zack, Citizen – Support
- Kim Thomas, University of Michigan Juvenile Justice Clinic – Oppose
- Noah Smith, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan – Oppose
- Kristen Staley, Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency – Oppose
- Shelli Weisber, American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan – Oppose

Senator Bieda moved to adopt an amendment to SB 318. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved that SB 318 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute, with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that SB 318 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Bieda moved to adopt an amendment to the S-1 Substitute to SB 319. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the S-1 Substitute as amended to SB 319. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved that SB 319 S-1 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute, with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that SB 319 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

With no further business before the committee, Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 3:20 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 24, 2013

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