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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 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 674 (Sen. Warren) – Civil rights; other; breastfeeding in public places; protect as civil right.
- HB 4570 (Rep. Cotter) – Courts; juries; eligibility to postpone jury service of students; expand to include full-time higher education students under certain circumstances.
- SB 98 (Sen. Bieda) – Civil procedure; remedies; wrongful imprisonment for crime; provide compensation for.
- SB 705 (Sen. Jones) – Courts; records; recording of hearing involving minor; require to be maintained pursuant to supreme court rules.

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

The Chairman called forward Senator Warren to explain Senate Bill 674 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak in support of Senate Bill 674:

- Tim Tobolic, Michigan Breastfeeding Network
- Lauren Valentine, Citizen
- Carol Hennessy, Kent County Health Department
- Shannon Polk, Michigan Breastfeeding Network

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in support of Senate Bill 674:

- Beth Christensen, Friends of Michigan Midwives
- Amy Zaagman, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Care
- Meghan Groen, Planned Parenthood
- Ed Rivet, Right to Life Michigan
- Kirk Profit, Washtenaw County Public Health

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 674 be reported out of committee 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: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 674 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

The Chairman invited Neil Bishop, of Representative Cotter's office, forward to explain House Bill 4570 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak in support House Bill 4570:

- Bryn Williams, Associated Students of Michigan State University

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of House Bill 4570 but did not wish to speak:

- Peter Cunningham, State Bar of Michigan

Senator Bieda moved that House Bill 4570 be reported out of committee 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: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that House Bill 4570 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones invited Senator Bieda forward to explain Senate Bill 98, as well as the S-1 substitute, and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning Senate Bill 98:

- Bill Flory, Michigan Association for Justice – Oppose
- Marla Mitchell, Co-Director of the Thomas Cooley Innocence Project – Support
- Donna McKneelen, Cooley Innocence Project – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning Senate Bill 98:

- Ken Wyniemko, Innocence Project – Support
- Valerie Newman, State Bar of Michigan – Support
- Peter Cunningham, State Bar of Michigan – Support
- Jessica Zimbelman, Prisons and Corrections Section of the State Bar of Michigan – Support
- Elizabeth McClellan, Just Justice – Support

Senator Jones moved that the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 98 be adopted. 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: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved that Senate Bill 98 be reported out of committee 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, Bieda (3/4)

Nays: (0)

Pass: Senator Rocca (1/4)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 98 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones explained Senate Bill 705 to the committee and answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning Senate Bill 705:

- Joe Baumann, State Court Administrative Office and the Michigan Supreme Court – Support

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 705 be reported out of committee 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: (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 705 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

With no further business before the committee, Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 3:15 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: January 14, 2014

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