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Minutes of February 3, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families and Human Services was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, in Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Jansen – Present
Senator Hardiman – Present
Senator Jacobs – Present

Agenda

- Approve minutes from January 29, 2009.

Motion by Senator Jansen to approve the minutes from January 29, 2009, was supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to adopt Senate Bill 102, was supported by Senator Hardiman.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes

Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Motion by Senator Jansen to report Senate Bill 102 with favorable recommendation for passage and i.e., supported by Senator Jacobs.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Jansen – Yes
Senator Hardiman – Yes
Senator Jacobs – Yes

- Senator Jansen invited the Department of Human Services to present the progress of the Children’s Rights Lawsuit Settlement.
 1. Ms. Kathryn O’Grady and Ms. Terri Gilbert, representing the Department of Human Services, gave an overview of their Child Welfare Improvement Plan. Ms. O’Grady and Ms. Gilbert submitted a copy of their presentation.
 2. Mr. Gary Tester, Director of Advocacy, Holy Cross Children’s Services, testified on the Child Welfare Improvement Plan. Mr. Tester submitted written testimony.
 3. Mr. Brian De Vos, representing Bethany Christian Services, testified on the Child Welfare Improvement Plan. Mr. De Vos submitted written testimony.
 4. Ms. Debora Matthews, the CEO of the Children’s Center of Wayne County, testified on the Child Welfare Improvement Plan. Ms. Matthews submitted written testimony.
 5. Mr. Wayman Britt, Kent County Administrator, testified on the Child Welfare Improvement Plan. Mr. Britt submitted written testimony and an issue summary from Kent County.
 6. Mr. Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, did not have an opportunity to speak because of time constraints.
- Senator Jansen adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Comment, Clerk

Mark C. Jansen, Chair

Date Approved