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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Bieda
Members excused: Senator Rocca

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the agenda for the committee:

- Approval of Minutes
- Testimony on Indigent Defense

Senator Jones announced the topic of discussion before the committee: Indigent Defense. Senator Jones invited Representative McMillin to explain to the committee the findings of the Indigent Defense Advisory Commission and subsequently House Bill 5804 (which is still pending before the House of Representatives).

The following persons testified on the discussion topic and answered questions from committee members:

- Judge James Fisher, Indigent Defense Advisory Commission—Support HB 5804
- Al Vanderberg, Ottawa County Administrator—Oppose HB 5804/Indigent Defense
- Kevin Bowling, Court Administrator, Ottawa county 20th Circuit Court—Oppose HB 5804/Indigent Defense
- Matthew Evans, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar—Oppose Indigent Defense
- Judge Tom Boyd, Michigan District Judges Association—Support Indigent Defense
- Jim Samuels, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Support Indigent Defense
- Nancy Diehl, State Bar of Michigan--Support Indigent Defense
- David Moran, University of Michigan Innocence Clinic--Support Indigent Defense
- Robert Daddow & Jerry Poisson, Oakland County—Oppose HB 5804 (H-2)
- Ben Bodkin, Jon Campbell & John Fuentes, Michigan Association of Counties—Oppose HB 5804

The following persons submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on the discussion topic:

- Rebecca Bachler, Kent County Board of Commissioners—Oppose HB 5804
- James R. Ryan, Oakland County Board of Commissioners—Oppose HB 5804
- Matthew Schneider, Michigan Supreme Court—Support as amended HB 5804

- Chad Schmucker, Supreme Court Administrative Office—Support HB 5804/Indigent Defense

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from September 25, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Bieda moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 12:20 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 17, 2012

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