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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 23, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services was held on October 23, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Re-referred SB 519 to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.
2. Heard testimony only on SB 520, SB 521, SB 522, SB 523, SB 524, SB 525, SB 526, SB 527, SB 528, SB 529, SB 530, HB 4646, HB 4647, HB 4648, HB 4659, HB 4660, HB 4661 and HB 4662.

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. She instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Chairwoman Emmons, Sens. Rocca, Nofs and Gregory, a quorum.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to adopt the committee minutes of June 12, 2013. Sen. Rocca so moved. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion to re-refer SB 519 to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. 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 invited Sen. Caswell to summarize SB 520-SB 530 for the committee.

The Chairwoman invited Suzanne Hollyer, representing the Friend of the Court Association, and Erin Frisch, representing DHS, to provide testimony regarding SB 520-SB 530. They are in support of the bills.

The Chairwoman invited Kent Weichmann, representing the Family Law Section, to provide testimony regarding SB 520-SB 530. He is in opposition to SB 520 (unless amended), but is in support of SB 521-SB 530.

The following provided a testimony card regarding SB 520-SB 530, but did not wish to speak:

Tom Robertson, Prosecuting Attorneys Association – Support

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Shirkey and Rep. Kosowski to summarize HB 4646, HB 4659 and HB 4660 for the committee.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. O'Brien and Rep. Kurtz to summarize HB 4647 and HB 4648 for the committee.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Denby and Rep. Kowall to summarize HB 4661 and HB 4662 for the committee. They indicated that their testimony had been adequately summarized by previous Representatives' testimony but were available for questions if necessary.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Shirkey and Rep. Kosowski to respond to further questions from the committee.

The Chairwoman invited Shelli Weisberg, representing the ACLU, to provide testimony regarding HB 4659. She is in opposition of the bill.

The following provided a testimony card regarding HB 4646-HB 4648 and HB 4659-HB 4662, but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Mastee, MI Catholic Conference – Support

Dan Jarvis, MI Family Forum – Support

Cami Pendell, MI County Social Services Association – Opposes HB 4646-HB 4647.

Being no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Emmons adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:38 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 11/07/2013

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