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**Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
**Minutes**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda  
Members excused: none

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

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| SB 300  | Sen. Caswell | Criminal procedure; defenses; statewide standards and accountability measures of trial-level indigent criminal defense services; implement, and create the Michigan indigent defense commission act. |
| SB 301  | Sen. Caswell | Criminal procedure; other; appointment of counsel to indigent person charged with felony; modify.  |
| HB 4262 | Rep. Foster  | Crimes; weapons; prohibitions against carrying certain weapons; revise.  |

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from May 21, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bills 300 & 301 (Sen. Caswell) for testimony only. Senator Jones announced that there was a substitute for Senate Bill 300 for consideration. Senator Caswell explained the bills and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

The following persons testified on Senate Bills 300 & 301 and answered questions from committee members:

- Judge Thomas Power, 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court—Oppose

The following persons submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak, on Senate Bills 300 & 301:

- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support
- Judy Allen, Michigan Township Association—Neutral
- Ben Bodkin, Michigan Association of Counties—Neutral

- Nell Kuhnmuench, Michigan District Judges Association—Support
- Tyrone Sanders on behalf of Matt Evans, Wayne County Criminal Defense Bar Association—Oppose

Senator Jones placed before the committee House Bill 4262 (Rep. Foster). Jason Puscas, staff to Representative Foster, explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Jones announced that at the committee would wait until a future committee meeting to vote on the bill.

With no further business before the committee, Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 4:08 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: June 11, 2013

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