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

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, October 22, 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

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

HB 4064 (Rep. Heise) – Courts; records; digital court records and electronically filing court papers; allow.

HB 4532 (Rep. Price) – Courts; records; digital court records and electronically filing court papers; permit as established by the supreme court.

HB 4770 (Rep. Lipton) – Law enforcement; reports; requirements for gaining access to motor vehicle accident reports within 30 days of the report being filed; establish, and provide penalties for noncompliance.

HB 4771 (Rep. Graves) – Crimes; other; intentionally contacting individual who has sustained personal injury or family member of that individual with direct solicitation to provide service; prohibit under certain circumstances and provide a penalty.

SB 628 (Sen. Schuitmaker) – Crime victims; statements; delivery of victim statement by parents of a minor; allow under certain circumstances.

The Chairman announced that House Bill 4532 and House Bill 4064 had been taken off the agenda.

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from October 15, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman called forward Senator Schuitmaker and LaDonna Schultz, Ogemaw County Prosecutor, to explain SB 628, as well as the substitute to the bill. The two then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 628:

- Sgt. Amy Dehner, Michigan State Police – Support
- John Lazat, Attorney General – Support

Senator Bieda moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 628. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator (0)

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Bill 628 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: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator (0)

Senator Jones moved the committee recommend immediate effect. Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 628 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

The Chairman called forward Matt Sowash, of Representative Graves' office, and Heidi Zabki, of Representative Lipton's office, to explain HB 4770 and HB 4771. They then answered questions for committee members.

The following persons submitted testimony cards wishing to speak concerning HB 4770 and HB 4771:

- Tom Waun, Negligence Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, and Michigan Association for Justice – Support
- Steven Matz, Law Office of Matz & Pietsch – Oppose
- Samuel Pietsch, Law Office of Matz & Pietsch – Oppose

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning HB 4770 and HB 4771:

- Bill Jackson, Michigan Insurance Coalition – Support (HB 4771 only)
- Dyck Van Koeving, Insurance Institute of Michigan – Support

- Kevin McKinney, The Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault – Support
- Sgt. Amy Dehner, Michigan State Police – Support (HB 4770 only)

With no further business before the committee, Senator Jones adjourned the committee without objection at 3:25 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 29, 2013

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