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

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SR 123 with recommendation.
  - 2) Reported SB 714 as amended with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 3) Reported HB 4486 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m, and attendance was recorded as follows:

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda  
Members excused: None.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to adopt the minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Senator Smith to summarize SR 123 for the committee.

The following people testified before the committee regarding SR 123:

- James Bowens, a citizen - Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SR 123 to the floor with the recommendation that the resolution then pass. Sen. Schuitmaker so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman invited Sen. Schuitmaker to summarize SB 714 for the committee.

The following people testified before the committee regarding SB 714:

- Gail Towne, Family Law Section of Michigan State Bar – Support

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 714:

- Kiera Marion, MI Commission on Uniform State Laws – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the Schuitmaker Amendment to SB 714. Sen. Bieda so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to report SB 714 as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect. Sen. Bieda so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chairman invited Valerie Knol from Representative Walsh's office to summarize HB 4486 for the committee.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning HB 4486:

- Noah Smith, Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies – Support
- Veneese Chandler, Family Outreach Center – Support
- David Luna, Grand Rapids Urban Core Health Policy Collaborative – Support
- David Luna, Mercy Health Saint Mary's – Support
- Judge Milton Mack, Chief Judge of the Wayne County Probate Court – Support
- Jeff Wieferich, MDCH - Support

The Chairman moved to adopt the (S-1) substitute to HB 4486, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 4486 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Schuitmaker so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 3/25/14

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