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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 13, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SB 979: Reported with substitute (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 2) SB 998: Reported with substitute (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 3) SB 1004: Reported with substitute (S-2) with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 4) SB 1015: Reported with substitute (S-2) with recommendation and immediate effect.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., and attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 3, 2014 meeting. Sen. Schuitmaker so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman summarized SB 1015 for the committee.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak regarding SB 1015:

- Bill Kandler, Michigan Probate Judges Association – No position
- Joe Baumann, SCAO – Neutral

The Chairman moved to adopt the Jones Amendment to the (S-1) version of SB 1015. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman moved to adopt the (S-1) substitute as amended to SB 1015. 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 1015 (S-1) as amended to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. 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 for SB 1015 (S-1) as amended. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

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

The Chairman summarized SB 998 for the committee.

The Chairman invited Brianna Kelly, from Sen. Johnson's office, to summarize SB 1004 for the committee.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 998:

- Gail Krieger, MI Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board – Support
- Lore Rogers, MI Domestic & Sexual Violence Board – Support

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 998 and SB 1004:

- Mary Morrow, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office – Support
- Kathy Hagenian, MI Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak regarding SB 998 and SB 1004:

- Sgt. Amy Dehner, MI State Police – Support
- Mary Pollock, MI National Organization for Women – Support
- John Lazet, Attorney General's Office – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 998. 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 entertained a motion to report SB 998 (S-1) 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 entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 998 (S-1). Sen. Bieda so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman moved to adopt the (S-2) substitute to SB 1004. 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 SB 1004 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. 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 entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 1004 (S-2). Sen. Bieda so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak regarding SB 979:

- Sgt. Amy Dehner, MI State Police – Neutral
- Nikki Brown, MI Municipal League – Oppose
- Tom Frazier, MI Townships Association – Oppose

The Chairman invited Sen. Bieda to explain the changes in his proposed amendment to SB 979.

The Chairman invited Fred Schaible, from Sen. Hildenbrand's Office, to discuss Sen. Bieda's proposed changes to SB 979.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the Bieda Amendment to the (S-1) version of SB 979. Sen. Bieda so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sen. Bieda

Nays: Sens. Jones (C), Schuitmaker and Rocca

The motion failed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 979 (S-1) 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 and Rocca

Nays: Sen. Bieda

The motion prevailed.

With no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: 9/9/2014

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