

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS**

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

11:30 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Representatives Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens and Kosowski.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Hooker moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2014. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the committee at ease, the time being 11:34.

The Chair brought the committee back to order, the time being 11:36.

The Chair laid HB 5473, HB 5510, SB 520, SB 521, SB 522, SB 526, SB 527, SB 528, SB 529, and SB 530 before the committee:

HB 5473	(Lori)	Family law; paternity; court refusal to enter an order setting aside a paternity determination revoking an acknowledgment of parentage; allow under certain circumstances.
HB 5510	(Kurtz)	Family law; paternity; acknowledgment of parentage process; modify.
SB 520	(Emmons)	Crime victims; restitution; restitution orders for crime of nonpayment of support; clarify.
SB 521	(Emmons)	Family law; child support; authority of friend of the court to issue subpoenas for show cause and notice to appear; allow, and provide for other general amendments.
SB 522	(Caswell)	Family law; child support; certain fees; repeal.
SB 526	(Caswell)	Family law; child support; assignments of support process; modify.
SB 527	(Caswell)	Civil procedure; costs and fees; fees for actions involving child custody, support, or parenting time; require payment at time action is filed.

- SB 528 (Nofs) Gaming; lottery; distribution of lottery winnings for child support arrearages; update to reflect payment to the state disbursement unit.
- SB 529 (Caswell) Family law; child support; allocation and distribution determination authority; modify.
- SB 530 (Caswell) Family law; friend of the court; powers and duties of office of child support; modify, and provide other general amendments.

Representative Lori testified in support of his bills.

Senator Caswell testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 5338 before the committee:

- HB 5338 (MacGregor) Children; protection; provision related to access to certain documents, reports, or records; provide for.

Representative Denby moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 5338. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Outman moved to report HB 5338 as substitute (H-3) with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5341 before the committee:

- HB 5341 (Hooker) Human services; county services; certain documents received from another agency or department; exempt from freedom of information act.

Representative Outman moved to report HB 5341 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5472 before the committee:

HB 5472 (Rendon) Family law; child support; alternative contempt track docket for certain individuals behind in child support; create.

Kent Weichmann, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Outman moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5472. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Denby moved to report HB 5472 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5512 before the committee:

HB 5512 (Kurtz) Human services; services or financial assistance; eligibility for family independence program assistance benefits; deny for certain noncompliance with child support provisions.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5512. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to report HB 5512 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory, Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair returned to HB 5473, HB 5510, SB 520, SB 521, SB 522, SB 526, SB 527, SB 528, SB 529, and SB 530.

Suzanne Hollyer, representing the Friend of the Court Association, and Erin Frisch, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Kent Weichmann, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, submitted a card in support of SB 520, SB 521, SB 522, SB 526, SB 527, SB 528, SB 529, and SB 530, but did not wish to speak.

Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association, submitted a card in opposition to SB 530, but did not wish so speak.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:23 p.m.

Representative Kenneth Kurtz, Chairman _____

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