

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

12:00 p.m.

Room 519 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 Denby moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2014. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 275 before the committee:

SB 275 (Hune) Human services; services or financial assistance; suspicion-based drug testing for public assistance recipients; require.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 275. The motion prevailed 5-3-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Victory.

Nays: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Pass: None.

Sam Champagne, representing Senator Hune's office, testified in support of the bill.

Edward Hoort, representing the Center for Civil Justice, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jane Zehnder-Merrell, representing the Michigan League of Public Policy, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Rachael Siemen, representing herself.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Kate White, representing Michigan Community Action.

Bill Kandler, representing the Mental Health Association of Michigan.

Robin Bozek, representing the Michigan Head Start Association.

Representative Slavens offered the following amendment to SB 275 (H-1):

1. Amend page 2, following line 25, by inserting:

**"(4) IF AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT WHO IS A PARENT AND HAS A  
DEPENDENT CHILD IN HIS OR HER FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE  
GROUP BECOMES INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM  
ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SECTION, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**

**(A) THE APPLICANT'S OR RECIPIENT'S DEPENDENT CHILD REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.**

**(B) AN APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE PAYEE SHALL BE DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM BENEFITS ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD.**

**(C) THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION MAY CHOOSE TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM BENEFITS ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD. THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL MUST BE AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OR, IF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IS NOT AVAILABLE OR THE FAMILY MEMBER DECLINES, ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT."** and renumbering the remaining subsections.

Questions and discussion was held on the amendment.

The Chair laid the committee at ease, the time being 12:25 p.m.

The Chair brought the committee back to order, the time being 12:27 p.m..

Representative Slavens moved to adopted the amendment to SB 275 (H-1). The motion did not prevail 3-6-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Nays: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory.

Pass: None.

Representative Victory moved to report SB 275 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation. The motion prevailed 6-3-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Kurtz, Hooker, Denby, Outman, Kesto, Victory.

Nays: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Slavens, Kosowski.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:30 p.m.

**Representative Kenneth Kurtz, Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

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