

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

Wednesday, September 17, 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 Hooker moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5444 before the committee:

HB 5444 (MacGregor) Children; foster care; educational fund for foster children who are adopted or age out of foster care; establish.

Representative Victory moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5444. The motion prevailed 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative MacGregor and Robin Lott, representing the Michigan Education Trust, both testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Victory moved to report HB 5444 as substitute (H-2) 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 5743, HB 5744, HB 5745, and HB 5746 before the committee:

HB 5743 (Rendon) Children; adoption; court in which adoption petition may be filed; modify.

HB 5744 (Kurtz) Children; foster care; filing fee requirement for actions involving the young adult foster care act; eliminate.

HB 5745 (Jenkins) Children; foster care; continued court jurisdiction in certain foster care guardianship cases; allow.

HB 5746 (Jenkins) Children; foster care; continued court jurisdiction under the young adult voluntary foster care act; allow.

Representative Rendon, Representative Jenkins and Stacie Bladen, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, all testified in support of the bills.

Dana Gill, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 5744, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Kosowski moved to report HB 5743 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.

Representative Outman moved to report HB 5744 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.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to report HB 5745 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.

Representative Denby moved to report HB 5746 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.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:28 p.m.

Representative Kenneth Kurtz, Chairman _____

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