

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

Wednesday, September 24, 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.

The Chair laid SB 890 before the committee:

SB 890 (Caswell) Human services; children's services; support subsidy; rename, and provide for deferred determination of care agreements for certain adoptions.

Senator Caswell and Karyn Ferrick, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid SB 861 before the committee:

SB 861 (Richardville) Children; other; provision regarding the disbursement of the children's trust fund; modify.

Mike Foley, representing the Michigan Children's Trust Fund, and Karyn Ferrick, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, both testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Victory moved to report SB 861 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 5825 before the committee:

HB 5825 (Shirkey) Children; adoption; option to disclose identity of paternity in a private adoption; allow.

Greg Ostrander, representing Representative Shirkey's office, and Stephanie Benedict, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

Joe Baumann, representing the State Court Administrator's Office, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:46 p.m.

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

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