

Public Health Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 9, 2018

1:00 PM Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:05PM by Chairman, Rep. Steinberg J. 136. The Meeting was recessed until 1:15PM

Rep. Steinberg reconvened the meeting a 1:16PM. .

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Gerratana T. S06; Kennedy T. S12; Logan G. S17; Markley J. S16; Moore M. S22; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Candelora V. 086; Carpino C. 032; Cook M. 065; Cummings S. 074; Demicco M. 021; Genga H. 010; Juleson-Scopino K. 012; Klarides-Ditria N. 105; McCarty K. 038; Perillo J. 113; Petit W. 022; Riley E. 046; Ryan K. 139; Scanlon S. 098; Srinivasan P. 031; Staneski P. 119; Steinberg J. 136; Tercyak P. 026; Winkler M. 056

Absent were:

Senators: None

Representatives: Rep. Juleson-Scopino 012; Rep. Winkler 056

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any comments from leadership.

Rep. Betts thanked the chairman for holding the start of the meeting to allow the Republican members to finish caucusing.

Rep. Steinberg indicated that Sen. Somers would be in shortly and that the committee will begin the conversation on the bills for action before the committee.

Rep. Steinberg explained that of the eight items on the agenda, it was determined to hold item #7: [H.B. No. 5157](#) (Raised) An Act Requiring The Installation Of Video Cameras In The Rooms Of Nonverbal Nursing Home Residents to talk a little more about the bill to get it where we want it to be.

Rep. Steinberg stated that the committee will consider for action, items 1,2,3,4,5,6,and 8 on the agenda. He indicated that if the members were willing to accommodate, the vote would be a voice vote.

It was determined that a roll call vote was necessary for Joint Favorable action on the bills.

Sen. Gerrata offered to make a motion to create a consent calendar and Rep. Ryan offered a second.

Rep. Steinberg asked if the members had any objections to creating a consent calendar. Hearing none, a consent calendar was established.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JFS to the floor [S.B. No. 165](#) (RAISED) An Act Concerning The Department Of Developmental Services' Recommendations For Technical Revisions To ITS Statutes.

Motion was offered by Sen. Gerrata and seconded by Rep. Cook.

The bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JF to the floor [S.B. No. 168](#) (Raised) An Act Concerning The Department Of Developmental Services' Recommendations Regarding Group Home Licensing Visits.

Rep. Tercyak offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Cook.

Rep. Betts asked if the bill could be summarized for the benefit of the public.

Rep. Steinberg explained that the bill removes the requirement that the DDS Commissioner adopt regulations that require half of all visits to community living arrangements, group homes and community companion homes be unannounced. He added that it requires that the commissioner of DDS to establish regulations that create a minimum number of unannounced licensure visits. The bill does not reduce the rigor of oversight but gives the commissioner more flexibility.

The bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JF to the floor item #3 [S.B. No. 170](#) (Raised) An Act Concerning The Department Of Mental Health And Addiction Services' Recommendations Regarding Streamlining Reports.

Sen. Gerratana offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Cook.

The item was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JF to the floor item #4: [S.B. No. 171](#) (Raised) An Act Concerning Doctor Of Physical Therapy Designation.

Sen. Gerratana offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Rep. Klarides-Ditria expressed a concern and wanted to make sure that doctors of physical therapy are clearly identifying themselves, whether written or verbal, as doctors of physical therapy not medical doctors.

Rep. Steinberg agreed that this is a valid point and one that was addressed in the substitute language. However, if further clarification is necessary, it would be considered.

Rep. Betts agreed and suggested that the bill move forward and consider amending it on the floor.

The bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JFS to the floor item #5 [H.B. No. 5153](#) (RAISED) An Act Concerning The Department Of Developmental Services' Recommendations Regarding Guardianship Assessments.

Sen. Gerratana offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

The bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JFS to the floor item #6 [H.B. No. 5155](#) (RAISED) An Act Concerning The Department Of Developmental Services' Recommendation Regarding Waiver Of Licensing Fees For Private Providers.

Sen. Gerratana offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Cook.

The bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg reminded the committee that item #7: [H.B. No. 5157](#) (RAISED) An Act Requiring The Installation Of Video Cameras In The Rooms Of Nonverbal Nursing Home Residents is being held for additional review.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to JFS to the floor item #8: [H.B. No. 5160](#) (RAISED) An Act Concerning The Donation Of Blood By Minors.

Rep. Cook offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Tercyak.

Rep. Betts asked for clarification on the bill.

Rep. Steinberg explained that currently the age to donate blood is 17 years of age. This bill allows for 16 year-olds to donate blood with parental or guardian permission.

Rep. Betts asked if the permission could be written.

Rep. Steinberg said yes.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any other questions or concerns. Hearing none, the bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked the committee administrator to list the bills on the consent calendar and asked for a roll call vote.

Bills on the consent calendar are SB 165, SB 168, SB 170, SB 171, HB 5153, HB 5155, HB 5160.

Total voting =25: Yea =25, Nay= 0, Absent and not voting= 2.

Rep. Steinberg said that the vote will be open until 4:00PM today.

Rep. Steinberg announced that the next meeting of the committee will be a public hearing scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

Beverly Henry
Administrator

Kathleen Panazza
Assistant Committee Clerk