The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by Chairman, Sen. McCrory D. S02.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Abrams M. S13; Berthel E. S32; Fasano L. S34; Flexer M. S29; Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; McCrory D. S02; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Barry J. 031; Blumenthal M. 147; Bolinsky M. 106; Candelaria J. 095; Candelora V. 086; Comey R. 102; Cook M. 065; Currey J. 011; Devlin L. 134; Genga H. 010; Gibson B. 015; Gilchrest J. 018; Haines I. 034; Hill L. 017; Johnson S. 049; Kennedy K. 119; Kokoruda N. 101; Lavielle G. 143; Lemar R. 096; Linehan L. 103; MacLachlan J. 035; McCarty K. 038; McGee B. 005; Miller P. 145; Napoli R. 073; Pavalock-D’Amato C. 077; Rotella K. 043; Sanchez R. 025; Simanski B. 062

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

At 1:10 Sen. McCrory convened the Committee meeting.

Rep. Sanchez stated the emergency committee protocols.

Sen. McCrory continued Agenda item III “Concepts to be raised as raised bills” and opened the floor for questions. Seeing no questions, concepts 1-16 of Agenda item III
“Concepts to be raised as raised bills” was held to a voice vote. The results of voice vote were in the affirmative unanimously.

Sen. McCrory moved to agenda item V. “Proposed bills to be referred to other committees”. Sen. McCrory stated that Proposed H.B. No. 6412 would be referred to the Housing Committee and Proposed H.B. No. 6829 would be referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Additionally, Sen. McCrory made a correction on the agenda, Proposed H.B. No. 6819 and Proposed H.B. No. 6829 would remain in the Education Committee. A voice vote was taken and was affirmed unanimously.

Sen. McCrory moved onto agenda item IV “Proposed bills to be reserved for subject matter public hearing” and opened the floor for comments and questions by the committee members.

Rep. McCarty stated that it had been a pleasure working with the Chairs of the committee on these bills, on 1/28 a similar but different concept regarding regionalization had been raised, and the previous concept raised was distinctly different from the proposed bills on the agenda today. Furthermore, Rep. McCarty shared her position that she was in favor of finding cost efficiencies and lowering barriers which hindered regionalization, but would not be in favor of forced mandates on municipalities. Rep. McCarty requested a roll call vote.

Sen. Berthel aligned his comments with Rep. McCarty and emphasized his opposition to forcing municipalities to do things they do not want to do.

Rep. Lavielle stated her position that regionalization needed to be a voluntary process and opposed forced mandates.

Sen. McCrory thanked the committee members for their interest in the concept of regionalization and stated that he supported further discussion on the matter of regionalization and opposed an attempt to shutdown discussion on the matter of regionalization.


A roll call vote on Proposed S.B. No. 457 and Proposed S.B. No. 738 was taken.

Sen. McCrory clarified that in regarding to agenda item V. Proposed bills to be referred to other committees that Proposed H.B. No. 6412 would be referred to the Housing Committee and Proposed H.B. No. 6829 would be referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Additionally, Sen. McCrory made a correction on the agenda, Proposed H.B. No. 6819 and Proposed H.B. No. 6829 would remain in the Education Committee.

Sen. McCrory announced that the next committee meeting would be held on Wednesday 2/13/19 and that the votes would be held open until 3:00pm that day.

The committee went into recess at 1:27.
A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Luz Osuba
Administrator

Colin Carroll
Committee Clerk