The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman, Sen. Moore M. S22.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Haskell W. S26; Logan G. S17; Maroney J. S14; Moore M. S22

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Butler L. 072; Cook M. 065; D'Amelio A. 071; Dathan L. 142; Green R. 055; Hughes A. 135; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; McGee B. 005; Santiago H. 084; Sredzinski J. 112; Stallworth C. 126; Wilson Pheanious P. 053; Wood T. 141

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Case J. 063

Sen. Moore called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. She asked Kayleigh Royston, the Clerk of the Committee, to read the emergency information. Senator Moore asked for remarks and then said the committee would start with the concepts to be raised.


6. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MILLER TRUSTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY. (HS) So moved by Rep. Butler and seconded by Sen. Maroney. Sen. Moore read the purpose of the bill and asked the LCO attorney for clarification. Atty. Marie Grady said that someone applying for Medicaid can transfer money so that they are approved. Right now, Connecticut doesn’t use this system. People have to spend down their assets.


12. AN ACT PROHIBITING ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AGENCIES AND CONTINUING-CARE PROVIDERS OFFERING ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES FROM REQUIRING A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT GUARANTOR. (HS) So moved by Rep. Butler and seconded by Rep. McGee. Rep. Mastrofrancesco discussed that she had a concern. She said that assisted living is private pay and agreements are made between the business and the families. Rep. Abercrombie said that there were concerns and that it was raised in the past but didn’t move forward.


14. AN ACT WAIVING PRIOR MEDICAID AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PHARMACOGENOMICS TESTS. (HS) So moved by Rep. Butler and seconded by Rep. Cook. Rep. Abercrombie said that it is a procedure for people with mental health issues. This test shows which medication may be best suited for their genetic composure and while the test is expensive, it was expressed last year that the price was expected to decrease. Rep. Wood said that it would be a simple phone call to find out but it the price didn’t go down; it would be folly to implement it. Rep. Abercrombie said that people should know that it’s an option out there and DSS can refuse it.


18. AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MISREPRESENTATION OF A DOG AS A SERVICE ANIMAL. (HS) So moved by Sen. Maroney and seconded by Rep. Cook. Rep. Cook asked if it applies to emotional support animals or if it’s a different category. Sen. Moore said that they would learn more about it with the language.


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Abercrombie explained that it’s because of the agencies with cognizance as DSS is not named in the bill.

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23. Proposed S.B. No. 290 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES FOR WORKING PARENTS. (HS). Sen. Moore read the bill. This bill was held at the request of committee leadership.

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Sen. Moore said that the next meeting would be held on Feb. 5 at 10:30 am and that the committee would hold votes open until 3pm. A motion to recess was made at 11:10 am. So moved by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Cook.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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Kayleigh Royston         Kathy Horsky
Committee Clerk          Assistant Clerk