Committee on Children

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7, 2019

1:00 PM in Room 1B of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairman, Sen. Slap D. S05.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cohen C. S12; Kelly K. S21; Moore M. S22; Slap D. S05

Representatives: Boyd P. 050; Comey R. 102; Cummings S. 074; Green R. 055; Hampton J. 016; Hayes R. 051; Kokoruda N. 101; Linehan L. 103; Turco G. 027; Wilson Pheanious P. 053

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Slap opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and called for a recess. Senator Slap opened the meeting at 1:40 P.M. and gave the information on emergency proceedings. Representative Linehan welcomed Senator Slap to the committee in her opening remarks.

She called for a motion to create a consent calendar which passed. Representative Linehan called for a motion to JF S.B. 797 and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JF and put S.B. 798 on consent which passed. Representative Linehan called for a motion to JF and put H.B. 6999 on consent and the motion passed. She calls for a motion to JF and put H.B. 7000 on consent which passed. She called for a motion to JFS and put S.B. 806 on consent and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JFS H.B. 7001 and to put it on consent and the motion passed. Representative Linehan called for the motion to JFS and put H.B. 7002 on consent which passed. She called for
a motion to JFS H.B. 7004 and to put it on consent and the motion passed. Representative Linehan explained that the new language of this bill removes the liability of coaches because it is more important to protect children from concussions than for people to be sued for this. This change will make coaches more aware of how to respond to a child who had a concussion.

Representative Green asked if this bill allows coaches who have received training in the past two years to not take the test again. Representative Linehan explained that this is a one-time test for the coaches. Anybody hired after 2021 does not have to comply with the law. Senator Morris asked for a motion to withdraw this bill and the motion passed. Representative Linehan called for a motion to JF and put S.B. 883 on consent and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JF and put S.B. 884 on consent. Senator Boyd mentioned that OEC licensed youth camps should have the ability to administer epinephrine. Representative Comey mentioned that the administration of epinephrine in a timely manner is key to saving lives. Representative Linehan asked the clerk to call the roll.

Representative Linehan called for a motion to JFS S.B. 885 and the motion passed. She asked Senator Kelly if he can explain the intent of this bill. Senator Kelly explained that this bill aims to make grandparents of children in DCF alternatives for placement options. Representative Linehan asked for a motion to place S.B. 885 on consent and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JFS S.B. 886 and the motion passed. She explained that this bill intends to protect all children in the Solnit center. She called for a motion to put it on consent and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JFS and place S.B. 891 on consent and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JFS S.B. 892 and the motion passed. She mentioned that this is known as the transparency bill which establishes a system and framework for a legal guardian to see if an action has been taken on a case regarding their child. She called for a motion to place S.B. 892 on consent and the motion passed. She called for a motion to JFS H.B 5975 and the motion passed. Representative Kokoruda mentioned that the bill might have the unintended consequence of preventing people who are of age but are using either their spouses credit card, or have a change in their last name from buying the products mentioned in the bill. Representative Linehan called a roll call vote.

Representative Linehan called for a motion to JFS H.B. 6403. She mentioned that a racial component is added to this bill and that they will make sure that all parties are represented. She called for a motion to place this bill on consent and the motion passed. Item 20 was held. Representative Linehan called for a motion to JFS S.B. 929 and to place on consent and the motion passed.

Representative Linehan called for a motion to JFS H.B. 7215 and the motion passed. Representative Boyd mentioned that although the bill has good intentions he believes that there is not enough time to carry out what the bill is asking for. Representative Kokoruda supported Representative Boyd’s position. Representative Linehan mentioned that she is working with members of the education committee to discuss the bill further and welcomes anybody else to do so as well. Representative Wilson Pheanious addressed her due process concerns regarding this bill and urges Representative Linehan to involve stakeholders in the decisions made on this bill. Representative Linehan called for a motion to place H.B. 7215 on consent and the motion passed.
Representative Linehan called for a motion to JFS H.B. 6184 and mentioned that this bill requires that child care centers notify guardians that if they are concerned with issues regarding their children they have a place to go to. The motion passed and the item was placed on consent. S.B 453 and H.B. 5682 are held.

Representative Linehan called for a motion to JFS H.B 5683. The motion passed and the bill was placed on consent. She called for a motion to JFS H.B. 6404. She asked the clerk to call the roll. Nine votes for the bill and five oppose it, the motion passed.

Representative Linehan called for a motion to JF H.B. 5165. She mentioned that the fingerprint aspect of the bill is now removed. Representative Hayes asked if his understanding that these checks can be done by anybody with a computer is correct and Representative Linehan confirmed. Representative Linehan asked for a motion to place H.B. 5165 on consent and the motion passed.

Representative Linehan called for a motion to JF H.B. 6997 and to place it on consent and the motion passed. She asked for a motion to JFS H.B. 6998. She mentioned that this bills was passed out of the House but not called in the Senate last year. Representative Cummings mentioned that she will vote no on this bill because it is not tailored to arrests that are specific to the job function. Representative Linehan called for a motion to place this on consent and the motion passed.

Representative Linehan made a motion to vote on the consent calendar which passed. Representative Linehan reminded everyone of another meeting that following Tuesday at 11AM in room 1B.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.

Peter Murszewski
Committee Clerk