The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by Chairman, Rep. Steinberg J. 136.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Abrams M. S13; Cohen C. S12; Lesser M. S09; Moore M. S22; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Arnone T. 058; Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Candelora V. 086; Carpino C. 032; Cook M. 065; Demicco M. 021; Genga H. 010; Hennessy J. 127; Kennedy K. 119; Klarides-Ditria N. 105; McCarty K. 038; Michel D. 146; Petit W. 022; Ryan K. 139; Steinberg J. 136; Tercyak P. 026; Young P. 120; Zupkus L. 089

Absent were:

Senators: Comey R. 102; Scanlon S. 098

Representatives: Comey R. 102; Scanlon S. 098

Rep. Steinberg welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members if there were any comments.

Rep. Steinberg recessed the meeting briefly and reconvened at 10:45 AM.

Sen. Somers pointed out that members may be in and out of the meeting due to other meetings scheduled concurrently with this committee meeting.
Rep. Steinberg moved to Section III on the agenda, Bills to Consider for JF Action and asked for a motion on Item #1:


Rep. Arnone offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Young.

Rep. Candelora explained that members of the committee were recently made aware of a concern by a particular industry that would be adversely affected if this bill were to move forward as drafted. He asked that the bill be held so that the industry has an opportunity to address the issue.

Rep. Steinberg expressed his disappointment that this issue arose after the public hearing as the committee was ready to move this bill forward.

Rep. Steinberg indicated the bill would be held.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion on Item # 2:

S.B. No. 94 (COMM) An Act Allowing Pharmacists To Administer The Influenza Vaccine To Children Twelve Years Of Age And Older. Proposed Action: JFS to the Floor.

Sen. Somers offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

Rep. Hennessy indicated that he was pleased with the proposed substitute language requiring parental involvement and thanked the chairs and Sen. Somers for addressing this issue. However, after hearing the concerns expressed by many in testimony at the public hearing, he still has concerns with the bill as written. Rep. Hennessy indicated that he would be voting no.

Rep. Steinberg thanked Rep. Hennessy for his comments and shared that there was a significant amount of testimony given during a very long public hearing which might have been confusing to members but, as the bill moves forward the language will clearly require parental involvement.

Rep. Petit shared with the committee a major concern among some parents that involves the preservative thimerosal which contains a small amount of mercury. He explained that a single dose vaccine does not contain thimerosal whereas a multi-dose does.

Rep. Petit would like to see language in the bill that would make clear the differences among the various doses and ingredients in each type of vaccine so that parents are fully informed before making choices on behalf of their children.

Rep. Candelora agreed with Rep. Petit that educating parents is important and shared that many pharmacies only provide the multi-dose vaccine whereas pediatricians offer the single dose vaccine to children.

Rep. Borer asked if the bill also requires a prescription from a doctor.

Rep. Steinberg responded that we do not have a current requirement and that we are not changing the law in that regard.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a roll call vote.

Total voting = 24; Yea =17; Nay =7; Absent and not voting = 2.
Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion on Item # 3:


Rep. Young offered the motion and it was seconded by Sen. Abrams.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a roll call vote.

Total voting = 24; Yea = 24; Nay = 0; Absent and not voting = 2.

Rep. Hennessy made a motion to create a consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any objections to creating a consent calendar.

Hearing none, the bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Following the appropriate motions, Items 4,5,7,8, and 9 were placed on the consent calendar:


The motion was offered by Rep. Genga and seconded by Rep. Young.


The motion was offered by Rep. Young and seconded by Rep. Arnone.

Rep. Carpino supports the bill but expressed a concern regarding interim licensing. The language of the bill should make clear that the appropriate training and licensure requirements have been completed before such a designation can be advertised.


The motion was offered by Rep. Young and seconded by Rep. Petit.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there was any discussion.

Rep. Hennessy expressed his concern that there may be potential physiological complications since minor’s bodies are not yet fully developed. For this reason, he would be voting no on this bill.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a roll call vote on the bill.

Total voting = 24  Yea = 23  Nay = 1  Absent and not voting = 2


The motion was offered by Sen. Abrams and seconded by Rep. Young.
Rep. Petit offered an amendment to the bill to include language that would require the most efficient and cost effective way to alleviate the huge burden on society in caring for inmates with end-stage liver failure resulting from Hepatitis C.

Sen. Abrams pointed out that the bill is basically a study and she questioned how this concern could be addressed within the bill as written.

Following discussion with the attorneys from the Legislative Commissioners’ Office, Rep. Petit withdrew his original amendment.

Rep. Petit offered a revised amendment to the bill that would require that the study seek the feasibility of leveraging federal funds to assist in addressing this issue.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion on the amendment.

Rep. Arnone offered the amendment and it was seconded by Rep. Carpino.

The amendment passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The bill as amended was placed on the consent calendar.

*Proposed Action: JF to the Floor.*

The motion was offered by Rep. Young and seconded by Rep. Cook.

*Proposed Action: JF to the Floor.*

The motion was offered by Rep. Young and seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

Rep. Petit offered a technical amendment which clarified the language in the bill.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion on the amendment.

Rep. Young offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The bill as amended was placed on the consent calendar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a roll call vote on the consent calendar.

Total voting 24; Yea = 24; Nay = 0; Absent and not voting = 2.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to consider Section IV of the agenda: *Proposed Bills to be Drafted as Committee Bills.*

Rep. Hennessy asked that the committee create a consent calendar for Section IV of the agenda.

Rep. Steinberg asked if there were any objections to creating a consent calendar for Section IV to which there were none.
Following the appropriate motions, Items #1-14 were placed on a consent calendar.

1. **Proposed S.B. No. 372** An Act Concerning The Provision Of Resources To Guardians Of Adult Children With Intellectual Disability.
   
   Rep. Petit offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

2. **Proposed S.B. No. 375** An Act Concerning Nursing Home Staffing Levels.
   
   Rep. Young offered the motion and it was seconded by Hennessy.

   
   Rep. Hennessey offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Petit.

4. **Proposed S.B. No. 380** An Act Concerning Mental Health And Wellness Training And Suicide Prevention For Law Enforcement Officers.
   
   Rep. Petit offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Cook.

5. **Proposed S.B. No. 388** An Act Concerning A Person's Intersex Status Or Characteristics
   
   Rep. Hennessy offered the motion and it was seconded by Sen. Abrams.

Rep. Steinberg indicated that this bill will be going through some changes especially section II of the bill. Rep. Steinberg asked if there was any further discussion on the bill.

Sen. Lesser indicated that there are some concerns among leadership with section II of the bill and that there will be collaborative discussions going forward. He noted that Sections I and III of the bill do not appear to have the same concerns and will be moving forward.

Rep. Steinberg would like to see this bill go forward once the expressed concerns are addressed.

6. **Proposed S.B. No. 393** An Act Concerning The Department Of Developmental Services Level of Need Assessment.
   
   Rep. Young offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

7. **Proposed S.B. No. 396** An Act Concerning Sudden, Unexpected Death In Epilepsy.
   
   Sen. Lesser offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

   
   Sen. Lesser offered the motion and it was seconded by Sen. Abrams.

9. **Proposed H.B. No. 6128** An Act Concerning Continuing Education Requirements For Persons Licensed Or Certified As Emergency Medical Services Personnel But Who Are Not Employed As Emergency Medical Services Personnel.
   
   Rep. Hennessy offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Young.

10. **Proposed H.B. No. 6364** An Act Concerning Protections For State And Local Law Enforcement K9s.
    
    Rep. Petit offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Cook.
11. **Proposed H.B. No. 6368** An Act Allowing Emergency Medical Technicians To Administer Epinephrine Without The Use Of Automatic Prefilled Cartridge Injectors.

   Sen. Lesser offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.


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

13. **Proposed H.B. No. 6540** An Act Concerning The Prevention Of HIV.

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

Rep. Steinberg asked if there was any discussion.

Rep. Hennessy asked for clarification that this bill is specific to HIV treatment and not anything else.

Rep. Steinberg indicated that the language in this bill does not relate to vaccines.

Rep. Petit shared a concern that he appreciates the intent of the bill is preventative and prophylactic but, the language does not include parental involvement. The issue of parental involvement is critical and he would like to see specific language in the bill to address this concern.


   Sen. Lesser offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Hennessy.

The consent calendar for Section IV of the agenda passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Rep. Steinberg announced the time and date of the next meetings:

**Public Hearing on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB.**

**Committee Meeting Friday, March 8, 2019 at 10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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