

Human Services Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

10:00 AM in Room 2A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:07AM by Chairman, Sen. Moore M. S22.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Logan G. S17; Maroney J. S14; Moore M. S22; Slap D. S05

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Case J. 063; 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: Butler L. 072

Sen. Moore called the meeting to order at 10:07AM. Rep. Abercrombie and Rep. Case made welcoming remarks.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the concept, An Act Concerning Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for Medicaid Beneficiaries. The motion was made by Rep. Cook and seconded by Rep. Santiago. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 14 voting yea, 4 voting nay and 1 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the concept, An Act Concerning Doula Certification and Medicaid Reimbursement for Doula Services. The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Cook. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 16 voting yea, 2 voting nay and 1 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the concept, An Act Concerning Strengthening Home Care Services. The motion was made by Rep. Cook and seconded by Rep. Santiago. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 14 voting yea, 4 voting nay and 1 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the concept, An Act Concerning Long Term Care Services. The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Cook. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 15 voting yea, 3 voting nay and 1 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the concept, An Act Concerning A Study of Medicaid-Funded Programs. The motion was made by Rep. Cook and seconded by Rep. Wilson Pheanious. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 15 voting yea, 3 voting nay and 1 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the concept, An Act Concerning the Department of Social Services. The motion was made by Rep. Abercrombie and seconded by Rep. Santiago. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 15 voting yea, 3 voting nay and 1 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to raise the following concepts (items 7-26 on the agenda) by placing them on Consent:

An Act Concerning the Department of Aging and Disability Services,

An Act Concerning Service Animals,

An Act Concerning Payments to Providers of Social Services,

An Act Concerning Department of Social Services Suspensions,

An Act Concerning Adding ADA Paratransit Bus Drivers to the Definition of "Mandated Reporter",

An Act Concerning Technical Revisions to Human Services Statutes,

An Act Concerning Medicaid Audits,

An Act Concerning a Bill of Rights for Post-Secondary Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder,

An Act Requiring the Department of Social Services to Work with the USDA to Explore Certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Options,

An Act Concerning Adding Acupuncturists and Chiropractors to the List of Permissible Reimbursable Medicaid Services,

An Act Concerning Payment Parity for Certain Assistance Programs,

An Act Requiring Family Notification in State Estate Recoveries,

An Act Concerning Updating the Income and Asset Limits Allowing Employed Disabled Persons to Buy into Medicaid,

An Act Concerning Creating a Task Force to Consider Dual Delivery of Governmental Services by Community Nonprofit Agencies,

An Act Concerning Temporary State Services for Victims of Domestic Violence,

An Act Concerning a Minimum Base Rate for Methadone Maintenance Treatment,

An Act Concerning Regular Communication by DSS-Appointed Conservators,

An Act Concerning Medicaid Coverage of In-Home Counseling Provided by a Home Health Care Agency,

An Act Concerning Increasing Nursing Home Funding Levels, and

An Act Concerning a Medicaid Case Mix Payment System for Nursing Facilities.

The motion was made by Rep. Cook and seconded by Rep. Case. Sen. Moore asked the clerk to call the roll. The motion passed, with 18 voting yea, 0 voting nay and one absent not voting.

Rep. Cook made a suggestion that the public be allowed to testify before agencies and elected officials at public hearings, and Sen. Moore said she would take the suggestion into consideration.

The meeting was recessed at 10:20 AM.  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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Heather Ferguson-Hull  
Committee Clerk