

Human Services Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

10:30 AM in Room 2A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 AM by Chairman, Rep. Abercrombie C. 083.

The following committee members were present:

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

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Butler L. 072; Case J. 063; Cook M. 065; Dathan L. 142; Green R. 055; Hughes A. 135; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; Santiago H. 084; Sredzinski J. 112; Stallworth C. 126; Wilson Pheanious P. 053; Wood T. 141

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: D'Amelio A. 071; McGee B. 005

JF to the Floor:

Rep. Case recommended that the committee place items 1-6 on a consent calendar. Items 1-6 were moved to consent.

S.B. No. 191 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE HUSKY B PROGRAM. (HS)

S.B. No. 192 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A LIST OF THE ONE HUNDRED MOST DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGORS. (HS)

S.B. No. 194 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OBSOLETE REFERENCES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE GENERAL STATUTES. (HS)

S.B. No. 195 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (HS)

S.B. No. 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (HS)

H.B. No. 5234 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL. (HS)

The Motion was made by Rep. Case and seconded by Rep. Wilson-Pheanious. A roll call vote was taken. The items passed with 17 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 2 absent not voting.

The Chair asked for a motion on item 7, H.B. No. 5233 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES. (HS). The motion was made by Rep. Case and seconded by Senator Moore.

There was discussion. Rep. Mastrofrancesco asked if this was a pilot last year. Rep. Abercrombie answered this was a pilot last year, and there was no change since last year except the new legislation says "shall" instead of "may" for all providers. OPM (Office of Policy and Management) did not implement the pilot. Chair Abercrombie gave examples of providers currently saving money and reinvesting in services. Senator Moore mentioned her experience in a non-profit, being unable to use monies saved for prevention services. Rep. Case asked if the bill should go to Appropriations due to the potential cost of peer support specialists.

A roll call vote was taken. The item passed with 17 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 2 absent not voting.

The meeting was recessed at 10:52AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

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Heather Ferguson-Hull  
Committee Clerk

Edward Ford  
Assistant Clerk