The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM by Chairman, Sen. Moore M. S22.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Cohen C. S12; Kelly K. S21; Moore M. S22

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 Moore opened up the meeting for comments from members. Representative Linehan thanked the committee for their work and help in protecting children. Representative Greene commented that she appreciated how well everyone has worked together.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5141 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Green. During the debate Representative Boyd stated that he doesn’t like telling parents how to be parents. And that government taking this role is something he struggles with. He is not convinced this is something thing to do legislatively. There might be unintended consequences with this. Representative Kokoruda said she thought the testimony was excellent by the high school students but she doesn’t see the difference between these drinks and coffee. She thinks that perhaps this bill should include coffee also. Representative
Hampton also expressed concerns. He drank diet coke recently and noticed it has carcinogens in it. Narrowing out one drink does not seem strategic. There is a lot of other stuff that needs monitoring. Senator Moore appreciates the input and stated that this bill is a starting point. Representative Linehan said everyone had good points and she hopes the committee will support it and work with us. She mentioned that convenience store owners have been asked to work with the committee. Representative Kokoruda asked if Representative Linehan would be open to amending this bill to a study. Representative Linehan doesn't think there should be a study. Senator Kelly discussed the committee process, how it plays a vital role. That’s why the work needs to get done there.

Senator Moore called for a roll call vote then announced that the votes will be held open until 4:00 PM.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS SB 158 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Hampton and seconded by Representative Wilson-Pheanious. Senator Moore opened the floor for discussion. Representative Cummings questions about timeframes, is there a deadline to provide regulations? Senator Moore asks the committee if they can skip this one and give the committee attorneys time to research the answer. The committee agreed to come back to the bill.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5199 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Boyd and seconded by Representative Hampton. There was no debate and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF HB 5201 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Wilson-Pheanious. After no debate a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5202. Motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Hampton. Representative Cummings asked what happens if a town does not abide by this and Representative Linehan said there is no penalty, just a helpful reminder to add shade components. Representative Cummings asked how much shade is deemed appropriate to which Representative Linehan said there just need to be some shade. Representative Cummings’ last question was if CCM had agreed to that language and Representative Linehan said she wasn't sure. A roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF SB 90 to the floor. Motion was made by Representative Linehan and was seconded by Representative Hampton. There was no debate and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF SB 92 to the floor. Motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Hampton. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF HB 5142 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Hampton and duly seconded by Representative Linehan. With there being no discussion a roll call vote was taken.
Senator Moor asked for a motion to JF HB 5143 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and then seconded by Representative Green. There was no debate and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5144 to the Insurance Committee. Motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Kokoruda. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5146 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Hampton. After seeing there was no discussion Senator Moore called for a roll call vote.

Senator Moor asked for a motion to JFS SB 156 to the Appropriations Committee. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Kokoruda. A roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS SB 88 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Wilson-Pheanious. Representative Boyd asked if the committee has gone neutral on milk, that the parents need to be responsible, not us. Representative Kokoruda asked if the farm bureau signed off and was told yes. She then asked if menus in restaurants would have to be changed immediately? Representative Linehan said children’s menus are usually in paper anyways, unlike adult menus. It would go into effect of July 1 of this year. She also stated that not all menus are affected by this, only grouped meals. Senator Kelly expressed concern with the bill, specifically that it says milk. The way the bill is structured...does not necessarily include milk. He would like to amend the bill at line 34 and make it into -flavored- milk. Offer an amendment in line 34 to “or flavored milk”. After the word “milk” say “or flavored milk.” Senator Moore asked for a second on the amendment. Representative Boyd seconded. The amendment to the JFS language passed on a roll call vote 7-5. Representative Linehan expressed dismay in the amendment stating that this is the second year this vote has come to committee. She has a problem calling chocolate milk healthy. Much hard work has been done to get the language right and she is surprised and disappointed by any objection. Senator Cohen explained her “no” vote. Last year “juice” was the issue. Representative Boyd mentioned that this bill has been part of this discussion for a couple of years now. Milk is a healthy option. Obesity is bad but there are thousands of people employed in dairy industry and farms are being closed all the time. He said he was concerned about dairy industry. Seeing no more discussion Senator Moore called for a vote to JFS SB 88 with the amended language to the floor. A roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS SB 93 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Comey. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF SB 288 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Hampton and seconded by Representative Linehan. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore stated that the committee would be skipping SB 286 and SB 284.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS SB 283 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Hampton and seconded by Representative Comey. Representative
Cummings had questions about lines 69-72, what does counsel mean --- or the child’s attorney? Senator Moore clarified it meant just attorney. Representative Cummings asked for an amendment and Senator Moore asked to come back to the bill when the amendment is ready.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5335 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Hampton. Representative Kokoruda asked if there any liability put on volunteer coaches? Representative Linehan said no and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5333 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by representative Kokoruda. Representative Hayes asked how parents would be notified of survey? Representative Linehan stated that it’s already part of the CDC’s program. When we do child surveys it’s always an opt out for the parents. Do not confuse this with the grant program says that you cannot opt out. It is federal law for the CDC to have the opt out. There was no further discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF HB 5329 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Kokoruda. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JFS HB 5336 to the floor. A motion was made by Representative Boyd and seconded by Representative Hampton. Representative Boyd stated when we went through public hearing there were voices on both sides of the issue and offered an amendment. The amendment passed on a voice vote. With no further discussion Senator Moore called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF SB 287 to the floor. Representative Hampton made the motion and it was duly seconded by Representative Kokoruda. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF SB 285 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Green. Seeing no discussion Senator Moore called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF HB 5331 to the floor. The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Hampton. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF SB 282 to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. The motion was made by Representative Hampton and duly seconded by Representative Comey. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore asked for a motion to JF HB 5334 to the floor The motion was made by Representative Linehan and seconded by Representative Kokoruda. After seeing no discussion, Senator Moore asked for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken.

Senator Moore brought the committee back to number 2 on the agenda, SB 158. LCO answered Representative Cummings question and a roll call vote was taken.
Senator Moore brought the committee back to number 18 on the agenda, SB 283. Representative Cummings regarding the process for the 5 month period. LCO answered Representative Cummings questions and she stated that she would be voting no to flag the bill. Representative Cummings offered an amendment. Senator Moore called for a voice vote. The amendment passed and a roll call vote was taken to the bill.

A motion was duly made and seconded to recess the meeting until 4:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

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Peter Murszewski
Committee Clerk