

Public Health Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2020

10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM by Chairman, Rep. Steinberg J. 136.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Somers H. S18

Representatives: Arnone T. 058; Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Candelora V. 086; Carpino C. 032; Comey R. 102; Cook M. 065; Demicco M. 021; Genga H. 010; Hennessy J. 127; Klarides-Ditria N. 105; McCarty K. 038; Michel D. 146; Petit W. 022; Steinberg J. 136; Young P. 120; Zupkus L. 089

Absent were:

Senators: Lesser M. S09

Representatives: Kennedy K. 119; Ryan K. 139; Scanlon S. 098; Tercyak P. 026

Rep. Steinberg convened the meeting at 10:36 AM.

Rep. Steinberg proceeded to Section III of the agenda, Concepts to be Raised, and noted that items 8. AAC Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers, and 9. AAC Aid in Dying for Terminally ill Patients, will be held.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 1. AAC Department of Developmental Services' Recommendations for Revisions to the General Statutes.

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

Rep. Steinberg asked if members were in favor of creating a consent calendar.

Rep. Demicco offered the motion to create a consent calendar and it was seconded by Sen. Anwar.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 2. AAC Suicide Prevention.

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

Rep. Petit stated that it is critical members take into consideration the many good programs that exist in terms of suicide prevention, and while the wheel may not need to be reinvented, members can figure out how to help the cause.

Rep. Steinberg added that when unable to help with funding, it is great that the legislature can help to coordinate and facilitate the work already on the ground.

Sen. Abrams concurred with Rep. Petit and Rep. Steinberg.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 3. AA Exempting the Cremation Fee for Minors.

Rep. Petit offered the motion and it was seconded by Sen. Anwar.

Rep. Betts noted that he supports the concept although wonders whether it should be sent to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Steinberg stated that it is possible it will ultimately end up in the Finance Committee, although he sees it appropriate that it is raised in the Public Health Committee so that a public hearing can be held, and members can discuss the topic.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 4. AA Permitting Persons Sixteen Years Old to Donate Blood.

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

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 5. AA Requiring Exertional Heat Illness Education Training for Coaches of Interscholastic Sports.

Sen. Anwar offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Michel.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 6. AAC Recruitment of Physicians and Psychiatrists to the State.

Rep. Petit offered the motion and it was seconded by Sen. Anwar.

Rep. Petit noted that this concept was brought to the Committee leadership by public health clinics throughout the state that are having difficulty recruiting mental health specialists. He added that this may well pay for itself if it can be implemented in a reasonable fashion.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a motion to Raise Concept 7. AAC Legislative Commissioners' Office's Recommendations for Revisions to The Public Health Statutes.

Sen. Anwar offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Demicco.

Raised Concepts 1 to 7 were placed on the consent calendar without objection.

Rep. Steinberg asked for a voice vote on the consent calendar which passed unanimously.

Rep. Steinberg noted that Rep. Ryan is absent from the meeting because he is home ill.
Rep. Petit added that Rep. Kennedy is also absent from the meeting because she is home ill.

Rep. Steinberg asked that members notify Committee leadership if they will be absent from meetings.

Rep. Steinberg noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM in Room 1D of the LOB.

The meeting was recessed until 3:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Bev Henry
Administrator

Val Mehmeti
Committee Clerk
