

Committee on Children

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021

10:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Chairman, Rep. Linehan L. 103.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Bradley D. S23; Cohen C. S12; Martin H. S31;
Moore M. S22

Representatives: Boyd P. 050; Comey R. 102; Dauphinais A. 044; Foster J. 057;
Green R. 055; Lanoue B. 045; Linehan L. 103; Luxenberg G. 012;
Welander M. 114

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Rep. Linehan opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and proceeded to explain how zoom meetings will go.

Rep. Linehan began with section 3 - Proposed bills to draft. She asked for a motion on SB No. 651 an act allowing municipalities to contribute to the Connecticut higher education trust and 529 plans. Sen. Bradley Motioned, Sen. Martin seconded.

Rep. Linehan gives a brief rundown of the bill. This bill would allow for students in Connecticut to have some money in their accounts to go to college.

Sen. Martin made a comment on the financial aspect of SB No. 651, he said he is interested in the fiscal note of this bill and the impact it will cause on the state. Rep. Linehan says that the bill still has a lot of work that must be done by the treasurer's office.

Rep. Dauphais says that since we don't know the cost, she would be a no as well.

Rep. Linehan asked the clerk to take a roll call vote.

Rep. Linehan moved to section 4, Bill to Joint Favorable. Sen. Bradley made a motion to create a consent calendar, Rep. Comey seconded.

Rep. Linehan started with item #1. SB No. 35 An act concerning financial assistance for post secondary education expenses for certain individuals adopted through the department of children's and family foster care program. Sen. Martin motioned to move SB No. 35 to the consent calendar, Sen. Bradley seconded.

Rep. Linehan moves on to item #2. SB No. 36 An act concerning school lunch debt LCO #3812. Rep. Welander motioned to move SB. No. 36 to the consent calendar. Sen. Martin seconded.

Rep. Linehan moves on to item #3. SB No. 702 An act concerning a program to provide free swimming lessons for individuals under the age of 18. Sen. Martin motioned to move SB No. 702 to the consent calendar. Sen. Bradley seconded. There were objections.

Sen. Martin has a question is regards to how many swimmers the program would have, how much it would cost, where the program would be held, and how is this a function of the government. Rep. Green and Rep. Dauphais added comments as well.

Rep. Linehan asked the clerk to take a roll call vote.

Rep. Linehan moves to item #4. HB No. 6109 An act concerning the Albert J. Solnit Children's center. Rep. Foster motioned to JF to the floor, Rep. Comey seconded.

Rep. Foster motions to move it to the consent calendar. Rep. Welander seconds.

Rep. Linehan moves to item #5. HB No. 6111 An act establishing a youth suicide prevention program LCO #4029. Rep. Welander motioned to JF to the floor. Rep. Comey seconded.

Rep. Dauphais, Sen. Martin and Sen. Anwar had comments about the bill.

Rep. Linehan asked for a roll call, which the clerk took.

Rep Linehan moves to item #6. HB No. 6112 An act requiring a survey of court involved youths LCO #3727. Sen. Anwar motioned to JF to the floor and Rep. Foster seconded.

Rep. Linehan gave a quick rundown of the bill for all present.

Rep. Dauphais, Sen. Martin, Sen. Anwar, Rep. Comey, Rep. Foster had a few comments regarding this bill.

The co-chair asked for the clerk to take a roll call vote.

Rep. Linehan moves to item #7. HB No. 6113 An act requiring the provision of information concerning child sexual abuse LCO #3733. Sen. Anwar motioned to JF to the floor. Another participant seconded. Sen. Martin motioned to add this bill to the consent calendar. Another participant seconded.

Rep. Linehan moves to item #8. SB No. 92 An act establishing a tax credit for employers that make payments towards child care costs of employees. Sen. Anwar motions to JF to finance revenue and bonding. Another participant seconded.

Sen. Martin motioned to add this bill to the consent calendar. Sen. Anwar seconded.

Rep. Linehan moves to item #9. HB No. 6399 An act concerning the centers for disease LCO #3833.

Sen. Anwar motioned to JFS this bill to the floor. Another participant seconded.

Sen. Martin had questions regarding the bill. Rep. Foster and Rep. Linehan answered his questions. Rep. Dauphinais had further questions regarding this bill and Rep. Linehan answered it.

The co-chair asks the clerk to take a roll call vote.

Rep. Linehan asked the clerk to take a roll call vote on the consent calendar.

Rep. Linehan and Sen. Anwar thanked every participant for helping the children and having civil conversations.

Rep. Linehan announced that the Children's Committee will be in recess at 11:02 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Jalmar DeDios

Gabriele Dos Santos

Peter Murszewski

Assistant Clerks

Committee Clerk