

Public Safety and Security Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 PM by Chairman, Rep. Horn M. 064.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Osten C. S19; Champagne D. S35; Cassano S. S04; Cicarella P. S34; Fonfara J. S01

Representatives: Horn M. 064; Paolillo A. 097; Green R. 055; Allie-Brennan R. 002; Barry J. 031; Borer D. 115; Boyd P. 050; DiGiovancarlo M. 074; DiMassa M. 116; Felipe A. 130; Genga H. 010; Gonzalez M. 003; Hall C. 059; Hayes R. 051; Howard G. 043; McGorty B. 122; Quinn M. 082; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Rep. Horn recessed for members of Democratic caucus and reconvened the meeting at 2:01 PM.

II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

No prior remarks made by chairs.

III. BILLS TO BE DRAFTED

Rep. Horn asked for a motion to draft item #1. Sen. Bradley made the motion and Rep. Paolillo seconded. No discussion followed. A roll call vote was called. Motion carried in the majority.

Rep. Green motioned to open a roll call vote on the agenda. Rep. Horn held the motion and recessed the meeting at 2:21 PM and reconvened at 2:26 PM to discuss the procedure for opening the agenda as the meeting had already started.

Rep. Green motioned for a roll call vote to open the agenda for the purposes of adding HB 5583. Rep. McGorty seconded. Discussion followed. Rep. Horn opposed the motion, citing difficulties in discussing mental health and the committee's priorities in acting unison based on committee-made decisions. Sen. Bradley also opposed for similar reasons, citing the motion as dilatory at this time since there was time to do so during screening.

Rep. Green supported the motion and acknowledged her constituents' concerns. Rep. Green raised the importance of the bill, citing public need to address mental health, and believed that it is too soon to kill the bill. Rep. Vail supported the motion and echoed similar sentiments to Rep. Green, citing the weight of testimony provided regarding the bill, the importance of addressing the opioid crisis, and need for bipartisan support. Sen. Champagne supported this motion in discussion, citing the bills intent to save lives and addressed potential misconceptions regarding the bills application. Rep. Hall supported the motion in discussion, citing the weight of supportive testimony and public need to address the opioid crisis, and echoed sentiments from Rep. Green, Rep. Vail, and Sen. Champagne.

Rep. Boyd inquired Rep. Horn if other bills were coming from this committee to address addiction. With Rep. Horn affirming Rep. Boyd that there are several, Rep. Boyd went on oppose this motion in discussion, citing respect for procedure and echoing sentiments from Sen. Bradley. Rep. Boyd raised a parliamentary procedure question to Rep. Horn regarding the appropriateness of Rep. Green's motion. Rep. Horn responded and said that it was. Rep. Boyd continued his discussion. Rep. Hayes supported this motion in discussion, citing examples of interactions with committee members in earlier meetings that suggest the bill should be considered for drafting. Rep. Borer acknowledged the concerns of her constituents, but opposed this motion in discussion due to the lack of clarity on the issue of custody articulated in the bill and echoed sentiments of Rep. Boyd. Rep. Horn concluded discussion opposing this motion in responding to the points raised by Rep. Green, Rep. Vail, Sen. Champagne, Rep. Hayes, and Rep. Borer.

Rep. Horn asked clerk Gina McDowell for a roll call vote on the motion to open the agenda for Proposed HB 5583. The motion failed after the tally was read.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for item #2 to be drafted. Sen. Osten made the motion and Rep. Paolillo seconded. Discussion followed. Rep. Vail inquired about the purpose of item #2. Rep. Paolillo explained the bill for Rep. Vail. Rep. Hayes inquired whether a fiscal note would be created for this item and where the funds for it would be allocated from. Rep. Horn and Rep. Paolillo responded. Sen. Champagne inquired about the legislative language of this item. Rep. Paolillo responded. No further discussion to be had, a roll call vote was held for this item. The motion passed in the majority.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion to draft item #3. Rep. Cassano made the motion and Rep. Paollilo seconded. No discussion followed. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed in the majority.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion to draft item #4. Rep. Allie-Brennan made the motion and Rep. Paollilo seconded. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed in the majority.

#### IV. BILLS FOR FINAL ACTION

Due to confusions pertaining to the substitute language of item #1 under this section, Rep. Horn pushed this item to another to be determined.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion for item #2 under this section. Sen. Osten made the motion and Rep. Genga seconded. Discussion followed. Rep. Howard provided personal testimony supporting this motion. Rep. Osten requested to withdraw her motion so that Rep. Howard could make the motion. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed in the majority.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion to consider item #3 under this section for final action. Rep. Genga made the motion and Sen. Gonzalez seconded. No discussion followed. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed in the majority.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion to consider item #4 under this section for final action. Sen. Osten made the motion and Rep. Genga seconded. No discussion followed. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed in the majority.

Rep. Horn asked for a motion to consider item #5 under this section for final action. Rep. Paollilo made the motion and Sen. Bradley seconded. No discussion followed. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed in the majority.

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is a public hearing 3/9/2021 at 9:30 AM. A committee meeting was announced for 3/11/2021 at 1:00 PM.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Committee meeting held open. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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Administrator

John Gerke, Intern / Gina McDowell  
Committee Clerk