



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

REP. KATHY CRAWFORD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

9:00 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors was called to order by the Chair.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Crawford, Rendon, Hoitenga, Meerman, Wozniak, Liberati, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson.

Absent/Excused: Rep. Garrett.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the meeting minutes of June 19, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4704, HB 4705, HB 4706, HB 4707, HB 4708 and HB 4709 before the committee:

HB 4704 (Rep. Crawford) A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending sections 2 and 8e (MCL 722.622 and 722.628e), section 2 as amended by 2018 PA 59 and section 8e as added by 2008 PA 511.

HB 4705 (Rep. Hall) A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 8 (MCL 722.628), as amended by 2016 PA 491.

- HB 4706 (Rep. Schroeder) A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 8d (MCL 722.628d), as amended by 2014 PA 30.
- HB 4707 (Rep. Liberati) A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 8 (MCL 722.628), as amended by 2016 PA 491.
- HB 4708 (Rep. Meerman) A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 8d (MCL 722.628d), as amended by 2014 PA 30.
- HB 4709 (Rep. LaGrand) A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," (MCL 722.621 to 722.638) by adding section 9b.

Yvonne Benn, C.P.A, Audit Manager in the Office of the Auditor General, and Leah M. Decker, C.P.A testified on the Children's Protective Services Investigations, September 2018, 431-1285-16, regarding HB 4704, HB 4705, HB 4706, HB 4707, HB 4708 and HB 4709. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of the report highlights is attached.

Stacie Bladen, Deputy Director of the Children's Services Agency in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Colin Parks, Manager in the Child Protective Service and Family Preservation Program Office in the Bureau of Child Welfare in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, testified on of HB 4704, HB 4705, HB 4706, HB 4707, HB 4708 and HB 4709. Questions and discussion followed.

Lisa McCormick, Children's Ombudsman, and Ryan Speidel Deputy Director, in the Office of Children's Ombudsman in the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, testified on of HB 4704, HB 4705, HB 4706, HB 4707, HB 4708 and HB 4709. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of her written testimony is attached.

Representative Cynthia Johnson moved to excuse Representative Garrett from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Representative Daire Rendon moved to adjourn. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Representative Kathy Crawford, Chair

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