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**Senate Committee on Judiciary**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda  
Members excused: None

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Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced that the committee would begin testimony on Senate Bill 137 while it waited for additional members to arrive.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 137 (Sen. Jones). Senator Jones explained his bill to the committee and announced there would be testimony only on the bill at the day's meeting. Senator Jones then called up Gabrielle Ford to make her presentation on this topic.

Ms. Ford, a speaker for the National Anti-Bullying Foundation, testified in support of the bill. Ms. Ford was then thanked for her work by the committee members.

The following persons testified on Senate Bill 137:

- Tadd Porter, citizen—Neutral
- Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan National Organization for Women—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk). Ms. Pollock answered questions from the committee members
- Tom Masseur, representing the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service—Neutral (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Philip Barker, representing the Michigan Association of School Social Workers—Support. Mr. Barker answered questions from the committee members.

The following persons submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 137:

- Coleen Gray, citizen—Neutral (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Dan Levy, representing the Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights—Neutral
- Noah Smith, representing the National Association of Social Workers-Michigan Chapter—Support
- Todd Tennis, representing the YMCA State Alliance of Michigan—Support
- Dan Jarvis, representing the Michigan Family Forum—Support
- Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference—Support

Kevin Epling, representing Bullypolice USA, submitted written testimony but was not present at the meeting to speak. (Testimony is on file with clerk)

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Bill 256 (Sen. Bieda). Senator Bieda explained his bill to the committee. Senator Bieda then answered questions from the committee.

- Daniel Quinn and his attorney, Gregory Rohl, testified in support of the bill
- Sharon Quinn, Gregory Quinn Sr., Greg Quinn, and Holly Austin, all representing Daniel Quinn, submitted testimony cards in support of the bill
- Ken Weishmann, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar Association testified in support of the bill
- Marilyn Stephen, Director of the Office of Child Support for the Dept. of Human Services, testified with concerns on the bill

Stephanie Johnson, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project, was neutral on the bill and did not wish to testify.

Senator Rocca moved that Senate Bill 256 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Bieda moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 256. Without objection, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Jones placed before the committee Senate Resolution 24 (Sen. Schuitmaker). Senator Schuitmaker explained the legislation to the committee members and answered questions.

Senator Bieda moved that Senate Resolution 24 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, and Bieda (4/4)

Nays: none (0)  
Pass: none (0)  
Excused: none (0)

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 3:57 p.m.

5/3/11  
Date Approved by Committee

\*\*An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.