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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, and Warren

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Schuitmaker, and Johnson

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Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adopt the minutes from the March 14, 2013 meeting
- SB 136 Sen. Moolenaar Health; other; religious liberty and conscience protection act; enact to allow health care payers, health facilities, and health providers a right to decline to provide or pay for certain objectionable health care services.
- SB 237 Sen. Marleau Health; immunizations; grade requirement for certain immunization records; modify in public health code.
- SB 238 Sen. Warren Education; attendance; grade requirement for certain immunization records; modify in school code.
- SB 239 Sen. Emmons Education; attendance; grade requirement for certain immunization records; modify in school aid act.

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Senator Emmons moved to adopt the minutes from the March 14, 2013 meeting. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chairman made a motion to excuse absent members and, without objection, the motion prevailed.

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Senator Marleau announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bill 136. The Chair reminded members the S-1 version of Senate Bill 136 had been adopted at a previous meeting.

Senator Moolenaar gave members an overview of the S-1 version of Senate Bill 136.

The following people submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SB 136, but did not wish to speak:

- Isabelle Terry, citizen—Support
- Tom Hickson, MI Catholic Conference—Support
- Ken Fletcher, MI Nurses Association—Opposed
- Bill Kandler, Mental Health Association in MI—Opposed
- Bill Kandler, MI Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—Opposed
- Bill Kandler, MI Ambulatory Surgery Association—Oppose

Senator Warren offered 3 amendments and gave members an overview of the changes being proposed.

Senator Warren offered a motion to adopt the Warren amendment #1 to the S-1 Substitute for Senate Bill 136.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Hune

Pass: None

The motion failed.

Senator Warren offered a motion to adopt the Warren amendment #2 to the S-1 Substitute for Senate Bill 136.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Hune

Pass: None

The motion failed.

Senator Warren offered a motion to adopt the Warren amendment #3 to the S-1 Substitute for Senate Bill 136.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Hune

Pass: None

The motion failed.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to report the S-1 Substitute for Senate Bill 136 with recommendation that the bill pass.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Hune

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau offered a motion to recommend the bill be given immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next item on the agenda was Senate Bills 237-239. Have gave members a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals spoke in support of SBs 237-239:

- Bob Swanson, MI Department of Community Health
- Christine Shearer, MI Association of Health Plans—Support with concerns

The following person submitted a testimony card in support of SBs 237-239 but did not wish to speak:

- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference

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- Amy Zaagman, MI Council for Maternal and Child Health
- Denise Sloan, MI Academy of Pediatrics

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:06 a.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: May 1, 2013**

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