

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff King at 10:45am on Thursday, February 05, 2015, 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Julia Lynn – Excused

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Suzanne Nelson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Court Reporting Demonstration brought by Kearney and Associates

Prior to the informational court reporting demonstration, the Chair called for any bill introductions from individuals on the committee or in the audience who had time conflicts and needed to leave before the demonstration.

Ed Klumpp, Associations for Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, and KS Peace Officers, requested a measure dealing with peer counseling for law enforcement officers.

Andrew Wiens, Legislative Affairs Director for the Department on Children and Families requested four measures as follows:

- a measure dealing with child support and new hires directory;
- a technical clean-up on child support and consumer reporting;
- adult protective services changes and technical clean up;
- child protective services, child in need of care video.

Seeing no questions or objections to these requests, the bills will be introduced.

Darcie Cruz, President of the Kansas Court Reporters Association, and members Mary Kay Howe, Jen Olsen, Sheila Lyons, and Lynelle Gottschalk provided a real-time court reporting transcription demonstration.

The Chair turned the committee's attention to a continuation of bill requests.

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Senator Knox made four requests including:

- a measure dealing with a Care Family program and foster parents;
- a measure dealing with over medicating children and allowing parents to address this with their doctors;
- a measure that would address situations when law enforcement officers have to decide whether to take children that are in danger from the home and specifically deals with unlawful substances in the home and associated actions.
- a measure that would expedite child in need of care cases and dealing with judges in terminating parental rights.

Senator Pettey made a request for a conceptual bill dealing with child endangerment statutes and negligence with loaded guns.

Chairperson King introduced a measure for small businesses to forward the charge that companies give them for using credit cards to the customer.

Seeing no questions or objections to these requests, the bills will be introduced.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chair King turned the committee's attention to action on **SB22**. Jason Thompson gave a brief reminder of the bill.

*Senator Greg Smith moved to recommend **SB22** favorably for passage and to be placed on the Consent Calendar; Senator Pettey seconded; the motion passed.*

The Chair turned attention to **SB51**. Jason Thompson gave a short reminder of the bill.

*Senator Knox moved a conceptual amendment to strike the sunset on the Court's surcharge fees provided for in **SB51**; seconded by Senator Pettey; the amendment passed.*

*Senator Knox moved **SB51**, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage; seconded by Senator Pettey. The motion carries.*

The Chair turned attention to **SB44**. Jason Thompson gave a short overview of the bill, and described a technical correction needed on line 16, page 1 of the bill, striking the second word "and" then inserting a comma in its place. *Chair King moved the technical amendment, seconded by Senator Petersen. The motion for amendment passed.*

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Senator Pettey moved that **SB44**, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage; seconded by Senator Knox; the motion passed.

The Chair turned attention to **SB58**. Jason Thompson gave an overview of the bill and also described an amendment to the bill requested by the Department for Aging and Disability Services as follows: amend on page 1, in line 10, after "44-556," by inserting "59-29a01 et seq.". Chair King moved the amendment as described by Jason Thompson; seconded by Senator Knox; the motion for amendment passed.

Senator Knox moved that **SB58**, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage; seconded by Senator Smith; the motion passed.

The Chair turned attention to **SB57**. Jason Thompson gave a short reminder of the bill, the power of attorney act. This bill is the second part of an elderly abuse act that was passed last year. This piece needed work and was referred to the Judicial Council, who vetted and worked it for resubmission this year.

Senator Knox moved that **SB57** be recommended favorably for passage; seconded by Senator Petersen; the motion passed.

The Chair turned attention to **SB74**. Jason Thompson gave a brief overview of the bill, relating to disposition of drivers license reinstatement fees and extension of the sunset provision from 2018 to 2020.

Senator Pettey moved to amend **SB74** by removing the sunset provision; seconded by Senator Knox; the motion to amend passed.

Senator Bruce moved to recommend **SB74**, as amended, favorably for passage; seconded by Senator Pettey; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.