



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. KELLY A BREEN

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024                      10:30 AM                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Breen.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou, Fink, Wendzel, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

Absent: Rep. Tyrone Carter.

Excused: Rep. Tyrone Carter.

Representative Wendzel joined the committee remotely.

Representative Edwards moved to adopt the meeting minutes from November 1, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5204 before the committee:

HB 5204 (Rep. Breen)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 910 and 913 (MCL 600.910 and 600.913).

At 10:38 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 10:39 AM, Majority Vice Chair Edwards called the committee back to order.

Chair Breen and Trevor VanDyke, representing the State Court Administrative Office, testified together in support of HB 5204. Questions and discussion followed.

At 10:43 AM, Majority Vice Chair Edwards laid the committee at ease.

At 10:44 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5204, but did not wish to speak:

Monica Martinez, representing the Michigan Judges Association.  
Nathan Triplett, representing the State Bar of Michigan.

The Chair laid HB 4924 before the committee:

HB 4924 (Rep. Dievendorf)	A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 3304 (MCL 600.3304) and by adding chapter 34.
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Representative Dievendorf testified in support of HB 4924.

Professor Thomas Mitchell, representing the Uniform Law Commission, testified in support of HB 4924. Questions and discussion followed.

At 10:59 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 11:00 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Jane Sternecky, representing the Uniform Law Commission, testified in support of HB 4924.

Jim Spica, representing the Probate and Estate Section of the State Bar, testified in support of HB 4924.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4924, but did not wish to speak:

Jim Schaafsma, representing the Michigan Poverty Law Program.  
Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Realtors.

The Chair laid HB 5271 before the committee:

HB 5271 (Rep. Hope)	A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16 of chapter X (MCL 770.16), as amended by 2015 PA 229.
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Representative Hope moved to refer HB 5271 to the Committee on Criminal Justice. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

The Chair laid HB 4793, HB 5316, HB 5317, HB 5318 and HB 5319 before the committee:

HB 4793 (Rep. Paiz)	A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 30, 90, 166, and 335 (MCL 750.30, 750.90, 750.166, and 750.335), section 335 as amended by 2002 PA 672.
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HB 5316 (Rep. Steckloff)	A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2156
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(MCL 600.2156).

HB 5317 (Rep. Arbit)

A bill to amend 1846 RS 158, entitled "Of offences against chastity, morality and decency," by amending section 27 (MCL 752.527), as amended by 1991 PA 145.

HB 5318 (Rep. Steckloff)

A bill to amend 1846 RS 171, entitled "Of county jails and the regulation thereof," by amending section 3 (MCL 801.3).

HB 5319 (Rep. Arbit)

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled "Of marriage and the solemnization thereof," by amending sections 7 and 16 (MCL 551.7 and 551.16), section 7 as amended by 2014 PA 278 and section 16 as amended by 2006 PA 419.

Representative Edwards moved to refer HB 4793 to the Committee on Government Operations. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

Representative Hope moved to refer HB 5316 to the Committee on Government Operations. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

Representative Arbit moved to refer HB 5317 to the Committee on Government Operations. The motion prevailed 7-1-3:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: Rep. Outman.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Johnsen.

Representative Dievendorf moved to refer HB 5318 to the Committee on Government Operations. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

Representative Hoskins moved to refer HB 5319 to the Committee on Government

Operations. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

The Chair laid HB 4225 before the committee:

HB 4225 (Rep. Rogers)

A bill to amend 1937 PA 306, entitled "An act to promote the safety, welfare, and educational interests of the people of this state by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of, and the installation of certain security devices at, certain public or private school buildings or additions to those buildings and by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of, and the installation of certain security devices at, buildings leased or acquired for school purposes; to define the class of buildings affected by this act; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 388.851 to 388.855a) by adding section 1e.

Representative Tsernoglou moved to refer HB 4225 to the Committee on Education. The motion prevailed 7-0-4:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsernoglou.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Fink, Wozniak, Outman, Johnsen.

Representative Edwards moved to excuse Representative Tyrone Carter from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Breen adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.

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Representative Kelly Breen, Chair

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