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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
LAW AND JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 9:00 a.m. Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Law and Justice was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Graves, Howrylak, Roberts, Theis, Albert, Chang, Robinson, Guerra, Liberati, Wittenberg.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of April 25, 2018. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5659 (Griffin) | Children; protection; mandatory reporting requirements for child abuse or child neglect; expand to include K-12 coaches and volunteers. |
| HB 5785 (LaSata) | Education; curriculum; instruction in sex education; modify to include instruction on sexual assault, dating violence, and domestic violence. |
| HB 5791 (Chang) | Education; students; information regarding sexual assault and harassment; require schools to provide to students and encourage related professional development. |
| HB 5796 (Pagan) | Children; protection; distribution of training package to individuals designated as mandatory reporters for child abuse or child neglect; require. |
| SB 874 (Jones) | Children; child abuse or child neglect; failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect; increase penalties. |
| SB 880 (Jones) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; penalty for not reporting child abuse; increase. |

Tom Hickson, Chris Castano, Marina Hentz, Larry LaCross, and Candice Ness, all representing the Michigan Catholic Conference and the Diocese of Kalamazoo, testified in support of HB 5659, HB 5796, SB 874 and SB 880. Questions and discussion followed.

Christina Harvey and Heidi Kattula, both representing Oakland Schools, testified in support of HB 5785, HB 5791 and HB 5796. Questions and discussion followed.

Frank Vandervort, representing himself as an academic researcher, testified in opposition to HB 5659, HB 5796, SB 874 and SB 880. Questions and discussion followed.

Allan Wachendorfer representing the National Association of Social Workers, submitted a card in support of HB 5796, in opposition to SB 874 and SB 880, and indicating HB 5659 needs work, wishing to speak, but unable due to time constraints.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5800 (Rabhi) Education; discipline; certain actions regarding pupil who reports being sexually assaulted; require, and prohibit pupil from being expelled for reported incident.

Representative Rabhi testified in support of the bill.

Peri Stone-Palmquist, representing the Student Advocacy Center, joined Representative Rabhi and testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5797 (Pagan) Civil rights; public records; identity of parties proceeding anonymously in civil actions alleging sexual misconduct; exempt from disclosure under freedom of information act.

Representative Pagan testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women.

Lore A. Rogers, representing the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Board.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5795 (Singh) Civil rights; sex discrimination and harassment; office of college campus sexual assault ombudsman; create within department of civil rights.

Representative Singh testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women.

Mary Engelman, representing the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5792 (Hoadley)	Higher education; other; campus sexual assault response improvement plan and grant act; create.
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Representative Hoadley testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Klint Kesto, Chair_____

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