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Sen. David P. Sokola

STATE OF DELAWARE

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND SUNSET COMMITTEE

Minutes – 01.23.2018

Chair Bolden called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Committee members present included Vice-Chair Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Dukes, and Spiegelman; Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn and Sokola. Representative Brady was absent. Staff present included Julie Fedele, Committee Analyst; Holly Vaughn Wagner, Legislative Attorney; Colinda Marker, Executive Assistant; and Victoria Cook, Legislative Fellow. A quorum was met.

Chair Bolden welcomed the members of the committee to the third meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC”) in the 149th General Assembly, Second Session, and called for introductions of members present. Chair Walsh read a brief explanation of the role of the joint committee.

Representative Spiegelman motioned to approve minutes from January 16, 2018, meeting, seconded by Senator Pettyjohn. The motion carried 9 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, and Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Bolden, Dukes, and Spiegelman)-0, 1 absent (Representative Brady).

Discussion moved to the Draft Legislation to amend Title 29 of the Delaware Code relating to the JLOSC. Senator Pettyjohn motioned to approve the Draft Legislation of the JLOSC, seconded by Representative Spiegelman. The motion carried 9 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, and Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Bolden, Dukes, and Spiegelman)-0, 1 absent (Representative Brady).

Discussion moved to the Draft Legislation to amend Title 24 of the Delaware Code relating to the Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners. Chair Bolden invited David Mangler, Director of the Division of Professional Regulation, Department of State, to present to the committee on behalf of the State Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners (“Board”).

Mr. Mangler began his presentation by explaining the need for multi-tier licensure in the State of Delaware. Mr. Mangler then provided a brief history of the Board’s work with the committee and stakeholders in creating the draft legislation. The Board has conferred with stakeholders over several years to create legislation that would expand licensure to include scope as well as the title. Among stakeholders which advised on key concerns and language issues includes Office of Management and Budget, Human Resources, and the individual Human Resources

representatives for the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families (“DSCYF”), and the Department of Health and Social Services (“DHSS”).

Discussion and questions from the Committee included the topics of fiscal impact, Delaware’s addiction epidemic, the grandfather clause, neglect of duty, license investigations, stakeholder involvement, and education requirements.

Mr. Mangler clarified that this legislation has a minimal fiscal impact over the first three years after passage. According to the Office of the Comptroller General, the primary reason for the minimal impact is due to the five-year grandfather clause. However, it is possible that beyond five years there could be a potential increase to state agencies that have a large number of social workers or employees performing social work, such as DHSS and DSCYF.

Senator Pettyjohn motioned to release the draft legislation, which was seconded by Representative Spiegelman. The motion carried 9 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, and Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Bolden, Dukes, and Spiegelman)-0, 1 absent (Representative Brady).

Discussion moved to the update for 2017 holdover, the State Board of Education. Chair Bolden welcomed Dennis Loftus, President of the State Board of Education to present to the committee on behalf of the State Board of Education (“Board”).

Dr. Loftus provided an update regarding the Committee’s recommendation number 10. This recommendation is regarding the Board’s support or non-support of education-related legislation. The Board recommended that they be involved if a particular legislative committee invites the Board to present their opinion. Additional discussion included the process for the Board as a whole arrives at a position.

Chair Bolden recommended that all remaining discussion for the State Board of Education be tabled for the following meeting on February 6, 2018, at 5:30 pm

Senator Pettyjohn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 pm, which was seconded by Representative Spiegelman. The motion carried 9 (Senators Delcollo, Hansen, Pettyjohn, Sokola, and Walsh; Representatives Bennett, Bolden, Dukes, and Spiegelman)-0, 1 absent (Representative Brady).

Respectfully prepared by:

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Access to the audio recording of this proceeding is available upon request.