

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, June 20, 2001 – 8:00 a.m. – Room 416 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Terry R. Spencer, Senate Chair
Rep. Carl R. Saunders, House Chair
Sen. D. Edgar Allen
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. Trisha S. Beck
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
Rep. Bryan Holladay
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Jack A. Seitz
Rep. Mike Thompson
Rep. Glenn L. Way

Members Absent:

Rep. Wayne Harper

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews,
Research Analyst
Mr. Paul W. Hess,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sandra Wissa,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order and Approval of May 23, 2001 Minutes

Chair Spencer called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and welcomed the members of the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Seitz moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Way absent for the vote.

2. Special Session Legislation

Senator Parley Hellewell reviewed S.B. 1001 "Notification by School or Family Services to Noncustodial Parent of Child's Discipline or Removal," together with a written amendment which Sen. Hellewell intended to present on the floor of the Senate. He explained that this bill would require a peace officer, case worker, or school to notify a custodial and noncustodial parent when a minor is taken into protective custody or suspended or expelled from school.

Committee discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Saunders moved to accept the proposed amendment to S.B. 1001:

1. Page 2, Line 37: After "immediately" insert "use reasonable efforts to locate and"

2. Page 2, Line 44: After "of" insert "locating and"
3. Page 2, Line 45: After "database" insert "if the division is unable to locate the noncustodial parent through other reasonable efforts"

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Way absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Saunders moved to pass out S.B. 1001, as amended, with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Way absent for the vote.

Rep. Fred J. Fife reviewed H.B. 1001 "Notice of School to Custodial and Noncustodial Parent." He explained that like the previous bill this also requires the schools to notify the custodial and noncustodial parents if a child become ill or is injured while in school.

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to change lines 6, 16, and 21 to replace the word "attempt" with "make reasonable efforts." The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Way absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Thompson moved to pass out H.B. 1001, as amended, with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Way absent for the vote.

3. Aging and Adult Protective Services

Mr. Ron Stromberg, Adult Protective Services, presented "The Aging Revolution," discussed what demographic changes portend for the future, reviewed the role of adult protective services, and suggested what the legislature might do to prepare for the future. He explained that with the increase of life expectancy, soon the old will outnumber the young. Mr. Stromberg stated that adult protective services will be a growth area in the future. He explained the need to update the Adult Protective Services statute to appropriately deal with the concerns of an aging population. He recommended that the statute be modified now, before a crisis arises. Mr. Stromberg stated that he will be prepared to return to a future meeting to present a bill to the committee.

4. Appropriation for Sexual Violence Victim Assistance Programs

Chair Spencer turned the chair over to Chair Saunders.

Senator Spencer presented a draft bill "Appropriation for Sexual Violence Victim Assistance Programs." He explained that this bill would appropriate money to the Utah Criminal Justice Commission for sexual violence victim assistance programs.

Ms. Jamee Roberts, Rape Recovery Center, distributed a packet of information and explained the need to update the evidence collection system in sexual violence cases.

Mr. Mark Shurtliff, Attorney General, stated that he is alarmed by the fact that rape crimes are on the rise. He noted that it is essential that the predators are caught and prosecuted. He asked that the legislature pass this bill.

Mr. David Yocum, Salt Lake County Prosecutors Office, stated additional funding would greatly help in the prosecution of rape crimes.

Mr. Richard Townsend, Director, Division of Public Services Crime Lab, spoke in favor of the draft legislation. He explained how the crime lab uses DNA profiles to convict offenders.

Sargent Don Bell, Salt Lake City Police Department, explained that because investigation staff is stretched so thin the police are losing cases because of lack of evidence. He stated that this bill could provide additional means to obtain evidence.

Rebecca Alpisa, Cache County Victim Services, spoke in favor of the draft legislation.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass out draft legislation "Appropriation for Sexual Violence Victim Assistance Programs" as a committee bill.

Substitute MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to delete the word "only" from lines 5 and 21 to change the appropriation from a one-time appropriation to an ongoing appropriation. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass out draft legislation "Appropriation for Sexual Violence Victim Assistance Programs," as amended, as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

