

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

January 26, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Nora B. Stephens, Chair
 Rep. Bryan Holladay, Vice Chair
 Rep. Mary Carlson
 Rep. Gene Davis
 Rep. Margaret Dayton
 Rep. Robert H.M. Killpack
 Rep. Carl R. Saunders
 Rep. Raymond Short
 Rep. Richard L. Walsh

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Loretta Baca
 Rep. J.W. "Bill" Hickman

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Andrews, Research Analyst
 Janetha W. Hancock, Associate General Counsel
 Betty M. Bushman, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: (List of visitors on file)

The meeting began at 8:10 a.m. with Chair Stephens conducting.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Holladay moved that the minutes of the January 22, 1998 be approved. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Davis and Walsh absent for the vote.

Chair Stephens relinquished the chair to Vice-Chair Holladay.

H.B. 59 ADOPTION AMENDMENTS - Representative Nora B. Stephens

At Representative Stephens' request, Janetha W. Hancock, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel explained proposed amendments to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Stephens moved that the bill be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, Line 7: After "EVALUATION;" insert "REQUIRING ADOPTIVE EVALUATIONS TO BE COMPLETED OR UPDATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF EACH ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT INSTEAD OF THREE YEARS;"
2. Page 2, Line 10: After "within" bracket "three years" and insert "one year", and after "child" insert "." and bracket the remainder of line 10.
3. Page 2, Lines 11-12: Bracket all of lines 11 and 12
4. Page 3, Line 4: After "filed" insert "." and delete the remainder of line 4
5. Page 3, Line 5: Delete line 5 and insert "If the court has authorized temporary placement under Subsection (1)(b), the evaluation shall be filed with the court upon completion."

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Davis and Walsh absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Stephens moved that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, Line 9: After "by a" bracket "previous"

The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Davis and Walsh absent for the vote.

Representative Stephens explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of David McConkie, Utah Adoption Counsel.

Tom Baxter, Utah Adoption Council, answered questions of committee members.

MOTION: Representative Saunders moved that the bill be passed out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 64 CHILD ABUSE OFFENSE AMENDMENTS - Representative Gary F. Cox

Representative Cox explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Paul Boyden, Statewide Association of Prosecutors.

MOTION: Representative Walsh moved that the bill be passed out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Holladay absent for the vote.

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H.B. 264 **ADOPTION ACT AMENDMENTS** - Representative Robert H.M. Killpack

Representative Killpack explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of David McConkie, Utah Adoption Council.

MOTION: Representative Killpack moved that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, Line 14: After "biological" delete "fathers" and insert "father"

MOTION: Representative Carlson moved that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete Section 2 of the bill (amending Section 78-30-4.15) and add language to the bill that would repeal Section 78-30-4.15 from the Utah Code.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Representative Holladay moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed with Representative Carlson voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Rep. Nora B. Stephens
Committee Chair

Rep. Bryan D. Holladay
Committee Vice Chair