

HB1044\_L.001

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services.HB18-1044 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 10, strike "and (3)" and substitute "(3),  
2 and (5)".
- 3 Page 3, after line 19 insert:  
4 "(a.3) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, AS APPOINTED TO  
5 SUCH POSITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3.3-102;".
- 6 Page 3, line 27, strike "SIXTEEN" and substitute "FIFTEEN".
- 7 Page 4, line 2, strike "EIGHT" and substitute "SEVEN".
- 8 Page 5, after line 15 insert:  
9 "(5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2-2-326, members shall  
10 serve without compensation but ~~shall be~~ ARE entitled to reimbursement  
11 for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
12 duties."

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- Committee members are responsible for bringing copies of bills (bill folders) scheduled to be considered by the committee to meetings. Committee members are expected to have read the bill prior to the committee meeting.
- Members should use their utmost discretion when using laptops and other electronic devices during committee meetings. Committee members may use these devices *solely* for committee-related work or emergencies. The devices must be used in a manner that does not disrupt the committee or reflect disrespect to the witnesses who are testifying. The use of electronic devices during testimony may negatively affect the public's impression of the committee and the legislature as a whole. Therefore, if the use of electronic devices becomes overly apparent and distracting, the chair will ask that those devices be disabled. Members should turn off or silence cell phones and pagers.

### ***Joint Committee Meetings***

- Joint meetings with the House Health, Insurance, and Environment and Senate Health and Human Services Committees may be scheduled from time to time. Traditionally, joint meetings are held for SMART Government Act briefings from the executive departments and the Joint Budget Committee.
- The joint health committees are required by statute to hear a number of presentations throughout the course of the session, including a briefing from the Joint Budget Committee. A joint health committee meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, January 18 at 1:30 pm**. Additional informational briefings may be scheduled when appropriate.

### ***Committee Deadlines***

- The first committee deadline is February 8, when all House bills introduced on or before the seventh day of the session and assigned to the committee must be reported out. All remaining House bills must be reported out by February 22.
- The next committee deadline is March 23, which is the deadline for committees to report bills originating in the Senate.

### ***Attendance***

- **Be prompt.** A majority of the members of each committee of reference constitutes a quorum. It is a matter of courtesy that we start committee meetings at the time listed in the House calendar. If you are sponsoring a bill in other committee meetings or need to be out of the room during the meeting, please inform the chair or staff of your whereabouts.
- Attendance is recorded at every meeting and these records are available for public inspection.
- **Consistent tardiness or absence will be noted and reported to the floor leader of the party to which the member belongs.** Members are required to inform the chair or the committee staff person if they will be late or absent from the committee meeting. If you

are absent at the beginning of a committee hearing and have not previously informed the chair or staff person, the chair will mark you absent on the committee roll call.

- Members are asked to focus their attention on the proceedings of the committee. The chair will grant occasional recesses to allow members to conduct business not related to the committee proceeding. However, while the committee is meeting, members should avoid prolonged absences from the committee room unless they have previously informed the chair regarding their whereabouts. Members who are consistently absent from the room may be marked absent for committee votes.

### ***Calendaring of Bills***

- Bills are scheduled by the committee chair within the applicable deadlines and usually with the concurrence of the sponsor. The chair determines the order of business for each committee meeting.
- As bills are calendared, sponsors receive notice from committee staff concerning the date, time, and location that their bills will be considered.
- Sponsors need to be flexible about the scheduling of their bills. Scheduling bills early within the applicable deadlines may allow more time for committee consideration.
- Bills of committee members will be scheduled last at each meeting unless circumstances require a different order.

### ***Testimony***

- The chair may limit opposing sides on any issue to a set amount of time or limit the number of individuals who may testify if it appears the committee will not be able to hear all of those who wish to speak.
- The chair will attempt to work with bill sponsors who expect a large number of witnesses or a large amount of public interest to schedule the bill appropriately and accommodate witness schedules. Generally, the chair will allow the bill sponsor to determine the order of the testimony. However, the chair will make the final decision on the order of witnesses and amount of time allotted for testimony.
- Committee members are to be polite, engaged, and courteous to those who are testifying. Citizens have often taken off work or traveled long distances to appear before the committee. Committee members are to give their attention to witnesses by minimizing their use of electronic devices and trips outside of the committee room during witness testimony. **Above all, the chair requests that members be courteous in their questioning of witnesses.** The chair will end questioning or dialogue that is disrespectful or overly aggressive. The appropriate time for members of the committee to express their opinions on policy matters is not during the questioning of witnesses. Members will be given ample opportunity to express such opinions before voting.

## ***Amendments***

- The chair strongly discourages conceptual amendments other than those that make minor changes or technical corrections. Conceptual amendments will be drafted by legislative staff and approved by the originator before the committee report is signed by the chair.
- Any amendment that exceeds one page in length or strikes everything below the enacting clause should be made available to all committee members and the bill sponsor as soon as possible prior to the bill hearing. The chair reserves the right to lay over a bill to give committee members the opportunity to adequately study any such amendments that are offered.