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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Education Reform

Thursday, March 23, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (14/15)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Zemke. (1/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 16, 2017 as printed.

Representative Roberts moved to adopt the minutes of March 16, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4166.

HB 4166 (Whiteford) Education; employees; provisions providing employment preferences for certain personnel in special education programs and services; repeal.

Representative Whiteford, the bill sponsor, introduced William Brown, Superintendent for the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency, and explained the bill. Mr. Brown testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Aaron Keel, Assistant Director of Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards;

Lisa Hansknecht, Director of Government Relations and Pupil Services for Oakland Schools;

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Education Service Agencies Legislative Group; and
Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Dr. David Michelson, a lobbyist for the Michigan Education Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on Great Start Readiness Program.

Richard Lower, Director of the Preschool and Out-Of-School Time Learning in the Office of Great Start in the Michigan Department of Education, briefed the committee on the Great Start Readiness Program. Questions followed. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

Pat Sargent, Great Start Readiness Program Coordinator, in the Preschool and Out-Of-School Time Learning Division in the Michigan Department of Education, addressed a question from a committee member.

Representative Camilleri moved to excuse Representative Zemke from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Hornberger moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Tim Kelly, Chair
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee