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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Education Reform

Thursday, September 6, 2018 8:30 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, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of June 7, 2018, as printed.

Representative Noble moved to adopt the minutes of June 7, 2018, 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 6291.

HB 6291 (Hornberger) Education; career and technical; participation, seat allocation, or slot allocation in area career and technical education programs; clarify that participation in other services or programs through the intermediate school district is not required for.

Alicia Urbain, Vice-President of Governmental and Legal Affairs for the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, testified in support of the bill.

Representative Pamela Hornberger, the bill sponsor, explained the bill.

Travis Gostinger, Chief Executive Officer for Landmark Academy, testified in support of the bill.

Debby Wilton, Superintendent of Landmark Academy, testified in support of the bill.

Annette Harnish, a parent of a student of Landmark Academy, who testified in support of the bill.

Ms. Urbain answered a member's question, and submitted a handout, which is attached.

Beth DeShone, Advocacy Director for the Great Lakes Education Project, submitted a testimony card in support, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5707.

HB 5707 (Miller) Education; teachers; performance evaluation systems for public school teachers and school administrators; modify.

Representative Aaron Miller, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Gary Collins, an attorney, testified in support of the bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Tim Sowton, representing Business Leaders for Michigan, Alexa Rae Kramer, Public Policy Coordinator for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, and Lindsay Case Palsrok, Senior Director of Government Relations for the Detroit Regional Chamber, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed. A copy of the letter they submitted is attached.

Brian R. Gutman, Director of External Relations for The Education Trust-Midwest, testified in opposition to the bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Chris Glass, Director of Legislative Affairs for the West Michigan Talent Triangle, testified in support of the bill.

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

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators;

Mitch Albers, Assistant Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of School Boards;

Caroline Liethen, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Education;

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Education Service Agencies Legislative Group;

Patti Tremblay, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators;

Kathleen Merry, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs for Wayne RESA;

Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals; and

Rusty Merchant, representing the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 6314 and 6315.

HB 6314 (Kelly) Education; school districts; public innovative districts; create.

HB 6315 (Kelly) School aid; membership; exemption from day and hour requirement for public innovative districts; provide for.

The Chair, the bill sponsor, explained the bill package.

Gerald Hopkins, Superintendent of Kenowa Hills Public Schools, testified in support of the bill package, and introduced Dr. Mike Burde, Assistant Superintendent of Kenowa Hills Public Schools, who gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Christopher Timmis, ED. D., Superintendent of Dexter Community Schools, testified in support of the bills. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

The Chair handed the gavel over to Representative Hornberger, Majority Vice-Chair, at 9:40 a.m.

Questions continued to follow with Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Burde, and Mr. Timmis.

The Chair took the gavel at 9:58 a.m.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 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