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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Education Reform

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Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:15 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.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of November 29, 2018, as printed.

**Representative Noble moved to adopt the minutes of November 29, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5777.

**HB 5777 (Brann)** Education; curriculum; free enterprise program of instruction; establish as required curriculum.

Representative Tommy Brann, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed. A copy of Representative Brann's handouts are attached.

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

Alexa R. Kramer, Public Policy Coordinator for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce;  
Wendy Block, Vice-President of Business Advocacy for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce;

Robert O'Meara, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association; and

Charles S. Owens, State Director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals; testified in opposition to the bill.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5905 and 5906.

**HB 5905 (Farrington)** Education; curriculum; course in financial literacy; require schools to offer.

**HB 5906 (Green)** Education; curriculum; course in financial literacy; allow pupils to partially or fully fulfill the algebra II requirement, or the economics requirement, by completing a financial literacy course developed by the MDE.

Representative Diana Farrington, bill sponsor for House Bill 5905, and Representative Patrick Green, the bill sponsor for House Bill 5906, explained their bills. Questions followed.

Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals; testified in opposition to the bill.

Derek D'Angelo, President of the Michigan Council on Economic Education, testified in support of House Bill 5905, and in opposition to House Bill 5906. Written testimony is attached.

James Studinger, Chair of the Michigan JumpStart Executive Board, testified in support of the bills.

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

Haleigh Krombeen, Manager of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League;  
David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association; and  
Bill Zaagman from Government Consultant Services, Inc. representing the Community Bankers of Michigan.

Jeremy Moniz submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6537.

**HB 6537 (Kelly)** Labor; public service employment; claims utilization and cost information compilation; modify.

The Chair explained the bill.

Jeff Rombach, Deputy Director of Policy and Planning for the Michigan Association of Health Plans, Shannon Dzyngel, Senior Manager at Priority Health, and Phil Yeiter, Government

Relations Lead at Priority Health, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed. Mr. Romback's written testimony is attached, and Priority Health submitted written testimony, which is attached.

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

John McNamara representing McLaren Health Plan;  
Ryan Burtka, lobbyist representing the Michigan Association of Health Underwriters;  
Dusty Francher representing Larry Lewis Jr., Director of State Government Affairs for Aetna Insurance Company\*.  
Tony Daunt, Executive Director of the Michigan Freedom Fund;  
Beth DeShone, Advocacy Director for the Great Lakes Education Project; and  
Jamie Zaniewski, representing Health Alliance Plan\*.

\*Submitted written testimony.

Julie Rowe, Legislative Mobilization Coordinator for the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Ben DeGrow, Director of Education Policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, submitted written testimony, which is attached.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6537.

**SB 882 (Knezek)** Civil rights; open meetings; school board preventive security planning; provide exemption in open meetings act. (**Referring to the Committee on Appropriations**)

**Representative Alexander moved to refer Senate Bill 882 with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

**Nays: None. (0/15)**

The bill was refer to the House floor.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5368 and 6474 and Senate Bills 795 and 796.

**HB 5368 (Hornberger)** Retirement; public school employees; computing retirement allowance based on employee organization professional services leave or released time; modify.

- HB 6474 (Johnson)** Labor; collective bargaining; public employer contracts that pay union officials for time conducting union business; prohibit.
- SB 795 (Knollenberg)** Retirement; public school employees; computing retirement allowance based on employee organization professional services leave or released time; modify.
- SB 796 (Knollenberg)** Labor; collective bargaining; public employer contracts that pay union officials for time conducting union business; prohibit.

Blake Mazurek, representing the Grandville Education Association, read a letter from Roger Bearup, Superintendent for Grandville Public Schools, in opposition to House Bill 5368, which is attached.

Scott Birdsall, representing the International UAW, and Marseille Allen, representing UAW Local 6000, submitted testimony cards in opposition to House Bill 6474, and Senate Bills 795 and 796, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to Senate Bills 795 and 796, but did not wish to speak:

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

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

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

Stephanie B. Glidden, Director of Government Affairs at Michigan AFL-CIO.

Ronald Byrnes, Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Works (IBEW) Local 352, and Dawn Kettinger, Director of Government Affairs for the Michigan Nurses Association, submitted testimony cards in opposition to House Bill 6474, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to House Bills 5368 and 6474, and Senate Bills 795 and 796, but did not wish to speak:

Jeremy Moniz;

Nick Ciaramitaro, Legislative Director for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25; and

Dr. David Michelson, a lobbyist for the Michigan Education Association.

**Representative Hornberger moved to report House Bill 5368 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly, (8/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Roberts, Alexander, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (7/15)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

**Representative Brinks offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 6474:**

1. Amend page 7, line 22, after by inserting:

**"(12) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**(A) RELEASE TIME FOR ACTIVITIES GERMANE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, GRIEVANCE ADJUSTMENT, OR ANY OTHER DUTIES OF AN EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE.**

**(B) RELEASE TIME FOR JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE ISSUES.**

**(C) RELEASE TIME FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION CONCERNING LEGISLATION TO MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE OR THEIR STAFF."**

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly. (10/15)**

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Camilleri offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 6474:**

1. Amend page 7, line 17, after "**38.1304**" by striking out the balance of the line through "**TIME**" on line 18.

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly. (10/15)**

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Garcia moved to report House Bill 6474 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly, (8/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Roberts, Alexander, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (7/15)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

**Representative Chang offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 796:**

1. Amend page 7, following line 22, by inserting:

**"(12) SUBSECTION (1)(F) DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**(A) RELEASE TIME FOR ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GERMANE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, GRIEVANCE ADJUSTMENT, OR ANY OTHER DUTIES OF AN EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE.**

**(B) RELEASE TIME FOR JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ADDRESS WORKPLACE ISSUES.**

**(C) RELEASE TIME FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION CONCERNING LEGISLATION TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OR THEIR STAFF."**

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly. (10/15)**

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Sowerby offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 796:**

1. Amend page 7, line 17, after "**38.1304**" by striking out the balance of the line through "**TIME**" on line 18.

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly. (10/15)**

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Garcia moved to report Senate Bill 796 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly, (8/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Roberts, Alexander, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (7/15)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

**Representative Garcia moved to report Senate Bill 795 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly, (8/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Roberts, Alexander, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (7/15)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair returned to House Bill 6537.

**HB 6537 (Kelly)** Labor; public service employment; claims utilization and cost information compilation; modify.

**Representative Sowerby offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 6537:**

1. Amend page 6, line 18, after "**38.1304**" by striking out all of subparagraph (iii) and renumbering the remaining subparagraphs.

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (5/15)**

**Nays: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly. (10/15)**

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Garcia moved to report House Bill 6537 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, and Reilly, (10/15)**

**Nays: None, (0/15)**

**Pass: Representatives Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (5/15)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair at 9:16 a.m.

**The Chair re-convened the meeting at 9:18 a.m.**

The Chair read a letter from Stone Kelly, his oldest son, and conveyed his deepest appreciation to all the committee members, the committee support staff, and the various groups, who testified before the committee this last session.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:28 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Tim Kelly, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee