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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- Adoption of September 27, 2011 minutes
- SB 618 Sen. Pavlov Education; public school academies; revisions to provisions concerning formation, operation, and termination of public school academies, urban high school academies, and schools of excellence; provide for, and allow school districts to contract with outside entity for provision of teachers.
- SB 619 Sen. Colbeck Education; public school academies; certain requirements and limitations on authorizing cyber schools; revise.
- SB 620 Sen. Robertson Education; public school academies; conversion schools; provide for.
- SB 621 Sen. Hansen School aid; other; conditions under which public school may receive school aid for instruction provided to nonpublic school students at nonpublic school site; revise.
- SB 622 Sen. Emmons Education; students; dual enrollment eligibility; modify in postsecondary options act.
- SB 623 Sen. Emmons Education; students; dual enrollment eligibility; modify in career and technical preparation act.
- SB 624 Sen. Pavlov Education; school choice; geographic requirements for schools of choice; remove, and require districts to participate based on available space.
- SB 709 Sen. Emmons Education; students; dual enrollment opportunities for high school

- SB 710 Sen. Emmons students in career and technical preparation programs; expand to nonpublic school and home school students. Education; students; dual enrollment opportunities for high school students in certain postsecondary institutions; expand to nonpublic school and home-schooled students

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding the proposed reforms, their position follows:

- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference, SUPPORT
- Harrison Blackmond, Democrats for Education Reforms, (SB 618-620), OPPOSE
- Vickie Markavitch, Superintendent, Oakland Schools, OPPOSE
- Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards, OPPOSE
- Nick Ciaramitaro, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, OPPOSE as written
- Amy Marcaccio Keyzer, Michigan Citizens Advocating for Public Education, (SB 624 Sect 105), OPPOSE
- Birgit McQuiston, Michigan Citizens Advocating for Public Education, (SB 624 Sect 105), OPPOSE
- Judy Gafa and Suzanne Klein, Grosse Pointe Board of Education, (SB 624), OPPOSE

The following individuals submitted cards indicating they were opposed to the package, but did not speak:

- Brad Biladeau, Michigan Association of School Administrators
- Judy Allen, Oakland County Superintendents
- David Zuhlke, Middle Cities Education Association
- Don Olendorf, Michigan Small and Rural Schools, ESA Legislative Group
- Jane Snage, Lake Orion resident
- Marion Ginopolis, Superintendent, Lake Orion Schools
- Kathy Merry, Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency
- Debbie Squires, Michigan Elementary/Middle School Principals
- David Randels, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators
- David W. Michelson, Michigan Education Association
- Ellen Hoekstra, IUOE, Local 324, (SB 618)
- Louise Somalski, American Federation of Teachers-MI
- Tom Harwood, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, (SB 619, 620, 624)
- Diane Karabetsos, Grosse Pointe resident (SB 624 sect 105)
- Melony Johnson, Grosse Pointe parent and taxpayer, (SB 624)
- Tyrone Sanders, Equity for Excellence, (SB 624)
- Rawley VanFossen, MSU concerned student, (SB 624 Sect 105)
- Melissa Miller, Lake Orion Board of Education, (SB 624 Sect 105)
- Kris Murphy, Michigan Citizens Advocating for Education (SB 624 Sect 105)
- Lisa Hutchison, Michigan Citizens Advocating for Public Education, (SB 624 Sect 105)
- Karen Appledorn, Michigan Citizens Advocating for Public Education, (SB 624 Sect 105)

The following individuals submitted cards indicating they were opposed to the package, but did not speak:

- Nawal Hamadeh, Hamadeh Educational Services

- Anthony Moffett, Sr., Detroit Service Learning Academy
- Rada Makki, Hamadeh Educational Service
- Angel Mechling, Hamadeh Educational Services
- Samantha West, Hamadeh Educational Services/Star International Academy
- Wissam Charafeddine, Hamadeh Educational Services/Universal Academy Public School
- Koree Woodward, Grand River Prep
- Brian Broderick, Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (only SB 621 – 623)

Neutral but did not speak:

- Paul G. Connors, Michigan Department of Treasury (SB 709-710)
- Patrice Lambert, Brenda Scott, Barbara Mays, Kids Come First, (SB 620)

Marie Thornton, 13th Congressional Democratic Party Precinct Delegate, no position indicated on card

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 618.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senators Hopgood, and Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 618 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senators Hopgood, and Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 618; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:49 p.m.

Date Approved: October 5, 2011

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.