



**THE SENATE**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**SENATOR PHIL PAVLOV**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. JUDY EMMONS, VICE CHAIRWOMAN  
SEN. PATRICK COLBECK  
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**MINUTES**

The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Colbeck

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Senator Pavlov announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the May 4, 2011, minutes

SB 315 Sen. Booher Education; attendance; age and date requirement for entering school; revise in school code.

SB 316 Sen. Booher School aid; membership; age and date requirement for entering school and being counted in membership; revise in school aid act.

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At the start of the meeting, there were two members present, not a quorum. The Chair announced they would begin taking testimony on the bills before them, Senate Bills 315-316.

As the sponsor, Senator Booher, joined by his legislative aide Ryan Wenburg, provided the members with a brief explanation of the legislation, as well as the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 315.

Joan Antle, a former teacher and advocate for the change, gave testimony in support of the bills.

Senator Emmons arrived at 12:44 p.m.

The following submitted cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

- Brad Biladeau, MI Assn of School Administrators/MI Assn of Intermediate School Administrators
- Becky Rocho, Calhoun County Intermediate School District
- Don Olendorf, ESA Legislative Group/MI Small and Rural Schools
- Kathleen Merry, Wayne County Regional Education Services Agency
- Robert LeFevre, Macomb County Intermediate School District

Senator Young arrived at 12:54 p.m.

Don Wotruba, with MI Assn of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bills.

Senator Young left at 12:58 p.m.

Senator Pavlov requested a motion to excuse absent members. Senator Emmons offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: June 1, 2011**

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