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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 2:38 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:

- 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 career and technical preparation act.
- SB 623 Sen. Emmons Education; students; dual enrollment eligibility; modify in postsecondary options act.
- SB 624 Sen. Pavlov Education; school choice; geographic requirements for schools of choice; remove, and require districts to participate based on available space.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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

- Mike Tenbush, United Way Southeast Michigan, SUPPORT
- Gary Miron, Western Michigan University, OPPOSED
- Barbara Bonsignore, American Assn of University Women, OPPOSED
- Dan Quisenberry, MI Charter Schools, SUPPORT
- Jennifer Sims, VP, North Region, K-12 Inc. (Cyber School), SUPPORT
- Stephanie Hargens, Head of School, Michigan Virtual Charter Academy, SUPPORT
- Heidi Kevelin, Parent, on wait list for Cyber School, SUPPORT
- Thomas Svitkovich, Tri County Alliance for Public Education, OPPOSED
- Dr. Vickie Markavitch, Superintendent, Oakland Schools, OPPOSED

Submitted cards, not wishing to speak:

- Paul Connors, MI Department of Treasury, NEUTRAL
- Dan Jarvis, MI Family Forum, SUPPORT
- Brian Broderick, MI Assn of Non-Public Schools, SUPPORT

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:04 p.m.

**Date Approved: September 28, 2011**

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