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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:13 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 28, 2011 minutes
- 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 students in career and technical preparation programs; expand to nonpublic school and home school students.
- SB 710 Sen. Emmons 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 28, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Bryan Klochack, from Michigan Connections Academy, testified in support of the package.

Lisa Hansknecht, with the Michigan Department of Education, spoke to address questions that had been raised.

Senator Young left the committee room.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak; their position follows:

- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference, SUPPORT, (SB 619, SB 621)
- Dr. Vickie Markavitch, Superintendent, Oakland Schools, OPPOSED, (619)
- Steve Matthews, Novi Community Schools, OPPOSED
- George C. Heitsch, Avondale School District, OPPOSED
- Susan Zurvalec, Farmington Public Schools, OPPOSED
- Lorrie McMahan, Brandon School District, OPPOSED
- Barbara Fowler, Troy Schools, OPPOSED
- John Silveri, Waterford School District, OPPOSED
- Marion Ginopolis, Superintendent, Lake Orion Schools, OPPOSED, (SB 624)
- Karen Appledorn, Michigan Citizens Advocating for Public Education, OPPOSED (SB 624 Sect 105)

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 619.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck, and Hopgood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 619 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 619; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 621.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck, and Hopgood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 621 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 621; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:47 p.m.

Date Approved: October 12, 2011

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