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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. The Senate was in session longer than expected which delayed the start of the meeting; Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

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

- Adoption of October 26, 2011, minutes
- SB 637 Sen. Kahn            Education; school districts; public school students to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance"; mandate.

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Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 26, 2011, committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 637. On behalf of Senator Kahn, as the bill sponsor, Jon Cool was available to answer questions. Prior testimony was taken on October 26, 2011, at which time the S-1 version was adopted.

Lisa Hansknecht, with the Michigan Department of Education, submitted a card supporting the bill but did not wish to speak.

Shelli Weisberg, with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, submitted a card opposing the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Hopgood offered an amendment and made a motion to adopt the language to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 637.

Yeas: Senators Hopgood, and Young

Nays: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck,

Pass: None

The motion failed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 637.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Hopgood, and Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:55 p.m.

**Date Approved: November 30, 2011**

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