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# THE SENATE

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## Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 2:03 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, Hopgood and Johnson.

Absent:

Excused:

A motion to excuse all absent members was made by Senator Booher and supported by Senator Anderson.

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

- Organizational—adopt previous meeting minutes
- SB 951 (Sen. Walker) School aid; payments; reference to deficit elimination plan compliance in school aid act; update, include enhanced deficit elimination plans, and revise other reporting requirements.
- SB 952 (Sen. Walker) Education; school districts; deficit elimination plan; provide for enhancement.
- SB 954 (Sen. Walker) School aid; other; deficit elimination plan requirement; revise.
- SB 957 (Sen. Kahn) Education; school districts; preplanned financial reporting; require for school districts as part of early warning system.
- SB 955 (Sen. Pappageorge) Local government; financing; emergency municipal loan act; increase cap on emergency loans to school districts.
- SB 978 (Sen. Kahn) State financing and management; funds; surplus funds act; modify.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from July 16, 2014. Moved by Senator Pappageorge and supported by Senator Jansen.

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Chairman Kahn requested testimony only on the bill package and asked that there be further review of the package as a whole.

Senator Walker provided bullet points and background on the 4 bills. Kathryn Summers with SFA and Anne Blankenhorn with SMPO provided further information and answered questions from members.

Paul Connors and John Barton with Treasury was also present and provided information on the bills.

Lisa Hansknecht with Oakland Schools was present and wished to speak, but did not indicate support or opposition.

Testimony cards in opposition:

Jerry Johnson with the Genessee ISD

Becky Rocho with Calhoun ISD

Jennifer Smith with the Michigan Association of School Boards

Brad Biladeau with MASA

Testimony cards in support of SB 955 and SB 978:

Kathy Merry with Wayne RESA

Emily Laidlaw with the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators

Jennifer Smith with the Michigan Association of School Boards

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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Date Approved by the Committee