



THE SENATE
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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

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

- Adoption of the minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting
- Adoption of the minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting
- Adoption of the minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting
- SB 644 Sen. Hildenbrand Education; alternative; strict discipline academies; allow to enroll individuals placed in certain facilities operated by a private agency.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 644. Senator Hildenbrand gave members a brief overview of the legislation.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SB 644:

- Randy Zylstra, Wedgwood Christian Services—Support
- Heidi Cate, Lighthouse Academy—Support

The following individuals submitted a card indicating their position on SB 644, but did not wish to speak:

- Gary Naeyaert, Great Lakes Education Project—Neutral

Senator Pavlov announced as this was the first week the bill was on the agenda, there would be no vote taken at this meeting.

Being no further business, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 12:21 p.m.

Date Approved: March 5, 2014

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