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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Education Reform

Thursday, April 20, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 4421 and 4422.

- HB 4421 (Hughes)** Education; teachers; eligibility for substitute teaching; expand to include individuals with certain skills, experience, or backgrounds.
- HB 4422 (Hughes)** Retirement; public school employees; allowing a retirant to be employed at a reporting unit under certain conditions without forfeiting retirement allowance or health care coverage; eliminate sunset.

Representative Hughes, the sponsor of the bills, introduced Jeffrey W. Johnson, Superintendent for the Montague Area Public Schools, and Christopher Glass, Director of Legislative Affairs for West Michigan Talent Triangle in the Kent Intermediate School District, and explained the bills and the (H-1) substitute for House Bill 4421. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Glass testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 4421.

Representative Zemke moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House 4421.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (15/15)

Nays: None. (0/15)

The substitute was adopted.

Bob Kefgen, Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and Dr. Jerry Davisson, Chippewa Valley High School Principal representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed.

Kerrie Vanden Bosch, Director of the Office of Retirement Services in the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, testified and submitted a testimony card on House Bill 4422 stating the department is taking no position on the bill.

The following submitted testimony cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Annalisa Grunwald, Director of Government Affairs for Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators;

Rusty Merchant, representing Grand Rapids Public School; and

Jerry Johnson, representing Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Intermediate School Districts.

The following submitted a testimony card in support of House Bill 4422, but did not wish to speak:

Mark Guastella, Executive Director for Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, and Clark Galloway, President of EDUStaff, Inc.

The following submitted cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Dr. David Zuhlke, Governmental and Legislative Liaison for Middle Cities Education Association, and

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4069.

HB 4069 (Tedder)

Education; teachers; college credit requirements for individual to serve as substitute teacher; revise.

Representative Tedder, the bill sponsor, introduced Clark Galloway, President of EDUStaff, Inc., and explained the bill. Mr. Galloway testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Shawn Petri, Tuscola Intermediate School Technology Center Principal and CTE Director, testified in support of House Bills 4069 and 4421.

The following submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Dr. David Zuhlke, Governmental and Legislative Liaison for Middle Cities Education Association;

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators;

Lisa Hansknecht, Director of Government Relations and Pupil Services for Oakland Schools;

Jennifer Smith, Director of Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards;

Caroline Liethen, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Education; and

Annalisa Grunwald, Director of Government Affairs for Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4327.

HB 4327 (Chang) Education; public school academies; geographic preference for charter school enrollment for low-income pupils; allow.

Representative Chang, the bill sponsor, introduced Amanda Rosman, Co-Founder and Executive Director, and Julia Putnan, Co-Founder and Principal, of the James and Grace Lee Boggs School, and explained the bill and the substitute (H-2) for the bill. Ms. Rosman testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Alicia Urbain, Vice-President of Governmental and legal Affairs for the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, testified in support of the bill.

Jarred Burkhart, Executive Director of the Michigan council of Charter School Authorizers, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The following submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Education Service Agencies Legislative Group;

Merissa Kovach, Policy Strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan;

Kathleen Merry, Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Medicaid for Wayne RESA;

David Randels, Director of Government Relations for Oakland Schools;

Annalisa Grunwald, Director of Government Affairs for Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators; and

Jerry Johnson, representing Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Intermediate School Districts.

There being no other business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 10:06 a.m.

Tim Kelly, Chair
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee