



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

REP. MATT KOLESZAR

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

4:42 PM

Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Education was called to order by Chair Koleszar.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Stone, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Paquette, Wendzel, Johnsen.

Absent: Reps. Greene, Markkanen.

Excused: Reps. Greene, Markkanen.

Representative Shannon moved to adopt the meeting minutes from October 17, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 395 and SB 396 before the committee:

SB 395 (Sen. Polehanki)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1230b, 1249, 1249a, 1249b, and 1280f (MCL 380.1230b, 380.1249, 380.1249a, 380.1249b, and 380.1280f), section 1230b as added by 1996 PA 189, section 1249 as amended by 2019 PA 6, section 1249a as amended by 2015 PA 173, section 1249b as amended by 2019 PA 5, and section 1280f as amended by 2023 PA 7; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

SB 396 (Sen. McDonald Rivet)

A bill to amend 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, entitled "An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the

powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 4 of article I, sections 2a and 3b of article II, and section 3 of article III (MCL 38.74, 38.82a, 38.83b, and 38.93), section 4 of article I as amended by 2011 PA 100 and sections 2a and 3b of article II as added and section 3 of article III as amended by 2011 PA 101.

The Chair introduced a (H-1) substitute for SB 395.

Representative Churches moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 395. The motion prevailed 10-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Stone, Weiss, Glanville, Edwards, Wegela, Paquette, Johnsen.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Senators Polehanki and McDonald-Rivet testified in support of SBs 395 and 396. Questions and discussion followed.

Tammy Daenzer, representing the Michigan Education Association, and Leah Porter, representing the Holt Education Association, testified in support of SB 395 and 396. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of SB 395, but did not wish to speak:
Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 395 and SB 396, but did not wish to speak:

Sheryl Kennedy, representing the Michigan Department of Education.

Paul Liabenow, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Jenell Mansfield, representing the AFT-Michigan.

Lindsey Miller, representing the Dearborn Federation- Teachers.

Tiffany Thomas, representing the Dearborn Federation of School Employees.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 395 and SB 396, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Schueller, representing the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators.

Mike Latvis, representing the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

David Randels, representing Oakland Schools.

Katherine Bussard, representing the Great Lakes Justice Center.

Jeff Cobb, representing the Education Trust Midwest.

Beth DeShone, representing the Great Lakes Education Project Education Fund.
West Michigan Policy Forum.

Representative Johnsen moved to excuse Representatives Greene and Markkanen from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Koleszar adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Representative Matt Koleszar, Chair

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