



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
REP. MATT KOLESZAR
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 521, House Office Building

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

The Clerk read in a letter from Speaker Tate appointing Representative Xiong to the committee.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

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

Absent: Rep. Markkanen.

Excused: Rep. Markkanen.

Representative Churches moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 23, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 744 before the committee:

SB 744 (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 3b (MCL 38.83b), as amended by 2023 PA 225.

Senator McDonald-Rivet testified in support of SB 744.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 744, but did not wish to

speak:

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

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 744, but did not wish to speak:

Andy Neumann, representing the Michigan Education Association.

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

Brenda Pilgrim, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The Chair laid HB 5450 and HB 5451 before the committee:

HB 5450 (Rep. MacDonell) A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1313a.

HB 5451 (Rep. Brixie) A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1313b.

Representative MacDonell testified on the proposed substitutes (H-3) for HB 5450 and (H-2) for HB 5451.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5450 and HB 5451, but did not wish to speak:

Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, representing the Michigan Department of Education.

Chardae Burton, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Andy Neumann, representing the Michigan Education Association.

Jayne Taylor, representing Okemos Public School, testified in support of HBs 5450 and 5451. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 5649 before the committee:

HB 5649 (Rep. Glanville) A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1166c.

Representative Glanville and Julia Wynn, representing Code.org, testified in support of HB 5649. Questions and discussion followed.

Lisa Rivera, teacher/tech coordinator for Mackinaw City Public Schools, testified in support of HB 5649.

Ashley Cramer, student at Zeeland High School, testified in support of HB 5649.

At 9:34 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:35 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, Cherly Wilson and Gina Loveless, all representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified in support of HB 5649.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 5649, but did not wish to speak:

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

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5649, but did not wish to speak:

Ben Williams, representing The College Board.

David Meyer, the Technology Director, Lutheran High School Association.

Kathy Surd, representing the Mason County Promise Board.

Vinos Kassab, the Oakland Schools K-12 Digital Learning Consultant.

Catherine Molloseau, Grand Valley State University Professor.

Dr. Barbara Ericson, University of Michigan Professor.

Tyler Diers, representing the Tech Net.

Josh Puraloff, representing the Computer Science Teachers Association.

Rob Geer, representing West Michigan Tech Talent.

Matthew Felan, representing the Great Lakes Regional Bay Alliance.

Evan Eagleson, representing ExcelinEd in Action.

Dan Behm and Stephanie Szymas, representing the Education Advocates of West Michigan.

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At 9:45 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 9:54 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Committee returned to the consideration of SB 744.

Representative Churches moved to report out SB 744 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-4-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Xiong.

Nays: Reps. Greene, Paquette, Wendzel, Johnsen.

Pass: None.

The Committee returned to the consideration of HBs 5450 and 5451.

Representative Edwards moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 5450. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Xiong, Greene, Paquette, Wendzel, Johnsen.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Weiss moved to report out HB 5450 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed 9-4-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Xiong.

Nays: Reps. Greene, Paquette, Wendzel, Johnsen.

Pass: None.

Representative Wegela moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 5451. The motion prevailed 12-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Xiong, Greene, Paquette, Johnsen.

Nays: Rep. Wendzel.

Pass: None.

Representative Conlin moved to report out HB 5451 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 9-4-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Koleszar, Churches, Shannon, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Xiong.

Nays: Reps. Greene, Paquette, Wendzel, Johnsen.

Pass: None.

Representative Greene moved to excuse Representative 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 9:57 AM.

Representative Matt Koleszar, Chair

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