



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

REP. SAMANTHA STECKLOFF

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 352, House Appropriations,
State Capitol Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education and Community Colleges was called to order by Chair Steckloff.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs, Kuhn, DeBoer.

Absent: Rep. Morgan.

Excused: Rep. Morgan.

Representative Price moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 14, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5504 before the committee:

HB 5504 (Rep. Steckloff)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), section 201 as amended by 2023 PA 320 and section 206 as amended by 2023 PA 103.

Representative Skaggs moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5504.

The motion prevailed 5-1-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs, DeBoer.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: None.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5504 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 5504:

1. Amend page 11, line 1, after "\$32,836,600.00" by striking out "100.00" and inserting "\$32,836,600.00" and adjusting the totals in section 201 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5504. The motion did not prevail 2-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 5504:

1. Amend page 21, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 226d. It is the intent of the legislature that by February 1, 2025, each community college will submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on community colleges, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director a report on activities related to strategic planning and internal assessment or reassessment to best provide for open and free expression and speech, while protecting students from hate-speech, violence, and discrimination".

2. Amend page 21, following line 24, by inserting:

"Sec. 226g. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that each community college adopt an advocacy policy applicable to faculty, staff, students, student employees, visitors, and contractors by January 1, 2025 and comply with all other requirements of this section. (2) An advocacy policy established under subsection (1) should include, but is not limited to, policies for distribution and self-distribution of printed political or advocacy materials related to First Amendment activities and political demonstrating. The policy should include a process for filing a complaint or reporting a violation of the advocacy policy and identify the community college staff responsible for investigating complaints and violations. The advocacy policy should include the effective date and be posted on the community college's website.".

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5504. The motion did not prevail 2-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Skaggs moved to refer House Bill No. 5504 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute . The motion prevailed 4-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

The Chair laid HB 5505 before the committee:

HB 5505 (Rep. Steckloff)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), section 236 as amended by 2023 PA 320 and section 241 as amended by 2023 PA 103.

Representative Weiss moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5505.

The motion prevailed 4-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5505 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 5505:

1. Amend page 9, line 16, after "\$79,000,000.00" by striking out "100.00" and inserting "\$79,000,000.00" and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5505. The motion did not prevail 2-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 5505:

1. Amend page 53, following line 5, by inserting:

"Sec. 275f. It is the intent of the legislature that by February 1, 2025, each public university receiving an appropriation in section 236 shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director a report on activities related to strategic planning and internal assessment or reassessment to best provide for open and free expression and speech, while protecting students from hate-speech, violence, and discrimination.

Sec. 275h. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that each public university adopt an advocacy policy applicable to faculty, staff, students, student employees, visitors, and contractors by January 1, 2025 and comply with all other requirements of this section.

(2) An advocacy policy established under subsection (1) should include, but is not limited to, policies for distribution and self-distribution of printed political or advocacy materials, related First Amendment activities, and political demonstrating. The policy should include a

process for filing a complaint or reporting a violation of the advocacy policy and identify the public university staff responsible for investigating complaints and violations. The advocacy policy should include the effective date and be posted on the university's website."

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5505. The motion did not prevail 2-4-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Weiss moved to refer House Bill No. 5505 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute . The motion prevailed 4-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

Representative Skaggs moved to excuse Representative Morgan from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Steckloff adjourned the meeting at 9:39 AM.

Representative Samantha Steckloff, Chair

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