



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

REP. MATT KOLESZAR

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:00 AM

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, Weiss, Glanville, Conlin, Edwards, Wegela, Xiong, Greene, Markkanen, Paquette, Wendzel, Johnsen.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Paquette joined the committee remotely.

Representative Churches moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 4, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 567 and SB 568 before the committee:

SB 567 (Sen. Irwin)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1280f (MCL 380.1280f), as amended by 2023 PA 224.

SB 568 (Sen. Polehanki)

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1531e.

Anri Haglund and Deon Butler, both individuals with Dyslexia, and Cathleen Haglund and Caroline Kaganov, mothers of students with Dyslexia, all testified in support of SBs 567 and 568. Questions and discussion followed.

Greg Nyen, representing the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, testified in opposition of SBs 567 and 568.

Dr. Audra Melton, a retired teacher and administrator, Steve Keskes, Curriculum Director at Stockbridge Community Schools, and Ben Locke, representing TeachPlus MI, all testified in support of SBs 567 and 568. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Amy Campbell, representing the Michigan Association of School Psychologists, testified in support of SBs 567 and 568. Questions and discussion followed.

Rebecca Irby, representing New Detroit, and Marsha Howell Chance, representing the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, both testified in support of SBs 567 and 568.

Mateo Lopez, a soon to be 6th grader with Dyslexia, testified in support of SBs 567 and 568.

Susan Schmidt, a retired teacher and board member of the International Dyslexia Association- Michigan Branch, testified in support of SBs 567 and 568.

Mike Hayes, representing Char Em Intermediate School District, testified in opposition of SBs 567 and 568. Questions and discussion followed.

Paula Pulter, a retired teacher and board member of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, testified in support of SBs 567 and 568.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 567 and SB 568, but did not wish to speak:

Regina Kolarchick, representing herself.

Julie Stalker, representing the Rochester Dyslexia Parent Advocate.

Jeff Cobb, representing the Michigan Partnership for Equity and Opportunity.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Koleszar adjourned the meeting at 10:18 AM.

Representative Matt Koleszar, Chair

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