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The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood, and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the following order of business.

- Adoption of June 8, 2011 minutes
 - Adoption of June 15, 2011 minutes from morning meeting
 - SB 400 Sen. Pavlov Education; school districts; school district to be policyholder for group insurance benefit provided for employees; require.
 - SB 446 Sen. Pavlov Labor; public service employment; claims data provided to policyholder of school district's health insurance plans; clarify.
 - HB 4625 Rep. Rogers Education; teachers; standards for achieving and retaining teacher tenure; revise, and make certain revisions to hearing procedures.
 - HB 4626 Rep. Scott Education; teachers; discharge or demotion of a teacher on continuing tenure; revise permissible grounds for, change definition of demote, and limit length of time salary continues during suspension.
 - HB 4627 Rep. O'Brien Education; teachers; effectiveness as determining factor when reduction of teachers is required; establish, and require mutual consent policy for teacher placement.
 - HB 4628 Rep. Yonker Education; employees; additional prohibited subjects of bargaining for public school employees; provide for.
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Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 8, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2011 morning committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next item of business was Senate Bill 400. As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Pavlov discussed the (S-2) substitute before the members.

The following individuals submitted testimony in support of the bill but did not speak:

- Jim Miller, SET-SEG
- David Ruhland, Farmington Public Schools
- Peter Spadafore, MI Association of School Boards

Being no further testimony, Senator Colbeck offered a motion to adopt the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 400.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 400 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senators Hopgood and Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 400; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next item of business was Senate Bill 446. As the sponsor, Senator Pavlov provided a brief overview of the bill.

David Ruhland, representing Farmington Public Schools, offered testimony in support of the bill.

Peter Spadafore, with MI Association of School Boards submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Colbeck made a motion to report Senate Bill 446 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senators Hopgood and Young

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 446; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next item of business was House Bills 4625-4628.

The legislation was sponsored by Representatives Rogers, Scott, O'Brien, and Yonker. The sponsors gave a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified in opposition to the legislation:

- Arthur Przybylowicz, MI Education Association
- Bob Taylor, MI State Tenure Commission
- Dr. Patricia Cole, MI State Tenure Commission
- Mary Aldecoa, Fowlerville County Schools

Jim Petrie, MI State Tenure Commission, submitted a card without indicating a position on the bills but did offer testimony.

Gary Collins, an attorney specializing in education issues spoke in support of the bills.

Peter Spadafore, MI Association of School Boards, submitted a card in support of the bills but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition, but did not wish to speak:

- Kim Teachout, UAW
- Michael Keller, AFL-CIO

Being no further business, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m. without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: June 22, 2011

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.