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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Pavlov announced the order of business for the Education Committee:

- SB 618 Sen. Pavlov Education; public school academies; revisions to provisions concerning formation, operation, and termination of public school academies, urban high school academies, and schools of excellence; provide for, and allow school districts to contract with outside entity for provision of teachers.
- SB 619 Sen. Colbeck Education; public school academies; certain requirements and limitations on authorizing cyber schools; revise.
- SB 620 Sen. Robertson Education; public school academies; conversion schools; provide for.
- SB 621 Sen. Hansen School aid; other; conditions under which public school may receive school aid for instruction provided to nonpublic school students at nonpublic school site; revise.
- SB 622 Sen. Emmons Education; students; dual enrollment eligibility; modify in career and technical preparation act.
- SB 623 Sen. Emmons Education; students; dual enrollment eligibility; modify in postsecondary options act.
- SB 624 Sen. Pavlov Education; school choice; geographic requirements for schools of choice; remove, and require districts to participate based on available space.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The members heard testimony from the following individuals, in support of proposed reforms:

- Billie Kops Wimmer, Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers
- Mary Kay Shields, Central Michigan University Center for Charter Schools
- Tim Wood, GVSU Charter Schools Office
- Kristoffer Haines, Rocketship Education
- Miriam Snyder, Arbor Preparatory High School Board of Education
- Sam Joseph, Covenant House Michigan

The following individuals offered testimony in opposition to the package of bills:

- Kate Barr, Michigan Citizens Against Schools of Choice
- Steven Norton, Michigan Parents for Schools

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

- Michael Keller, MI AFL-CIO
- Zane Walker, MI Building and Construction Trades
- Jonathan Byrd, Michigan Laborers District Council

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:08 p.m.

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