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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in the Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:33 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:

Adoption of the Minutes from February 9, 2011 at 3:00pm.

A Discussion of the Following Bills:

**SB 153 (Pavlov)** - Local government; other; local government and school district fiscal accountability act; create.

**SB 154 (Pavlov)** - Cities; home rule; reference to local government and school district fiscal accountability act; provide for in the home rule city act.

**SB 155 (Pavlov)** - Local government; financing; reference to local government and school district fiscal accountability act; provide for in the revised municipal finance act.

**SB 156 (Pavlov)** - Elections; recall; reference to local government and school district fiscal accountability act; provide for in the Michigan election law.

**SB 157 (Pavlov)** - Education; school districts; schools operated by school district with emergency manager; exempt from being placed under supervision of state school reform/redesign officer.

**SB 158 (Pavlov)** - Labor; collective bargaining; certain provisions in public service contracts; require.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the Senate Education Committee Minutes from February 9, 2011, at 3:00 pm. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Pavlov gave a brief overview of Senate Bills 153 -158 to the committee.

Senator Pavlov introduced Michael McGee, of Miller Canfield, who gave a background and summary of the bills.

Questions followed by Senators Pavlov, Colbeck, Young, and Hopgood.

Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb ISD, testified on Senate Bills 153-158. He was neutral on the package of bills.

Questions followed by Senators Hopgood and Young.

Don Wotruba representing the Michigan Association of School Boards testified before the committee, he was neutral toward the package of bills.

Keith Johnson representing the Detroit Federation of Teachers testified before the committee and opposed the bills. He also provided written testimony.

Russ Bellant, a Detroit resident, testified on the bills and did not state a position.

Stephanie Carreker, representing the Detroit Association of Educational Office Employees, testified in opposition to the bills.

Kim Rhead and Lynda Pittman, representing the Municipal Employees Retirement System, testified and remained neutral on the bills.

Helen P. Moore, representing Detroit/KTV/NT, testified in opposition of the bills.

Bob KeFyen, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, testified and is neutral toward the bill package.

Lillian Scott, of the Detroit Public Schools, testified in opposition to the bills.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the AFSCME, turned in a testimony card in opposition of the bills but did not wish to speak.

Brandon Jessup, of Michigan Forward, turned in a testimony card in opposition of the bills and did not wish to speak.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

**Date Approved: February 23, 2011**

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