



**THE SENATE**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

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

- Adoption of February 1, 2012 minutes
- SB 315 Sen. Booher Education; attendance; age and date requirement for entering school; revise in school code.
- SB 316 Sen. Booher School aid; membership; age and date requirement for entering school and being counted in membership; revise in school aid act.

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Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business was Senate Bills 315-16.

Senator Booher gave the members an overview of the bills and substitutes before them.

The following individuals offered testimony in support of the bills:

- Tina Everard and Jill Hilla, Southwest Elementary School, Howell
- Daniel Epstein, Learning Care Group
- Jane Benkarski and Karen Swanson, Kindergarten Teachers

The following individuals offered testimony in opposition to the bills:

- Dr. Randy Liepa, Superintendent, Livonia Public Schools
- Dr. Thomas Harwood, Superintendent, Grosse Pointe Public Schools
- Judith Pritchett, Chief Academic Officer, Macomb County ISD

The following individuals submitted testimony cards but did not speak on the bills, their position follows:

- Lisa Hansknecht, State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education, SUPPORT
- Joan Antle, Resident, SUPPORT
- Dr. David Michelson, SUPPORT
- Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards, OPPOSED
- Bob Kefgen, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, OPPOSED
- David Zuhlke, Middle Cities Education Association, OPPOSED
- Kathleen Merry, Wayne Regional Education Services Agency, OPPOSED
- David Randels, Michigan Association of School Administrators, OPPOSED
- Judy Allen, Oakland Schools, OPPOSED
- Matt Gillard, Michigan Association of United Ways, NEUTRAL
- Louise Somalski, American Federation of Teachers – MI, HAS CONCERNS

Senator Emmons offered an amendment, and made a motion to adopt the language to the S-2 version of Senate Bill 315.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senators Hopgood, and Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 315 as amended.

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 315 as amended.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Pavlov requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Emmons offered an amendment, and made a motion to adopt the language to the S-2 version of Senate Bill 316.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senators Hopgood, and Young

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 316 as amended.

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 316 as amended.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, and Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Pavlov requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:29 p.m.

**Date Approved: May 2, 2012**

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