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The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Thursday, November 27, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 3:23 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:

- Adoption of November 8, 2012 minutes
- SB 1358 (Pavlov) Education; other; education achievement authority; establish as part of public education system and provide for its powers and duties, and establish process for redeployment of unused public school buildings.
- HB 5659 (Yonker) Education; school districts; third-party accrediting of schools; allow, and provide that department establish list of approved private accreditors.

In the room at the time of the roll call were Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Hopgood, and Young.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 8, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1358 and advised members that there was an S-1 version before them.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 1358.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: Senator Hopgood

The motion failed.

Senator Hopgood left the room.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding the bill:

- Kevin Gross, laid-off teacher—Opposed
- Kenyetta Wilbourn, Education Achievement Authority (EAA), Principal, Denby High School—Support
- Brad Biladeau, MI Association of School Administrators—Oppose
- Maiyoua Vang, citizen—Oppose
- Dr. Covington, Chancellor, EAA—Support
- Dr. Mary Esselman, Chief Officer EAA Equity, Innovation & Accountability—Support
- Dr. Scott M. Koenighsknecht, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District—Oppose
- Mary Wood, citizen—Oppose
- Helen Moore, Keep the Faith/No Take Over—Oppose
- Susan Smith, President, League of Women Voters – MI—Oppose

Senator Colbeck entered the room.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 1358, failed.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion passed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 1358.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Emmons, Colbeck

Nays: Senator Young

Pass: None

The motion passed.

The following individuals testified on their position on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Dr. David Michelson, MI Education Association—Oppose
- Isabelle Elise Terry, citizen—Oppose
- Ellen Hoekstra, MI-National Association of Social Workers—Oppose
- Phil Barker, MI Association of School Social Workers—Oppose
- Lisa Hansknecht, Oakland Schools—Oppose
- Debbie Squires, MI Elementary & Middle School Principals—Oppose

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5659.

Jeff Snyder, on behalf of Representative Yonker, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals offered testimony regarding the bill:

- Wendy Larvick and Venessa Keelser, MI Department of Education—Support
- Tracy Peters, citizen—Support

The following individuals testimony cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Brad Biladeau, MI Association of School Administrators
- Ray Telman, Middle Cities Association
- Robert LeFevre, Macomb Intermediate School District
- Don Wotruba, MI Association of School Boards
- Louise Somalski, American Federation of Teachers-MI
- Kate McAuliffe, Region 8 – MI Association of Intermediate School Administrators

Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 5:01 p.m.

Date Approved:

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