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## MINUTES

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

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:23 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 June 6, 2012 minutes
- SB 1051 (Hune) Education; board members; board members to abstain from voting on financial issues or contracts when a conflict of interest exists; require.
- SB 1095 (Booher) Education; preschools; age for eligibility to enroll in great start readiness programs; revise.
- SB 1234 (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 June 6, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1051.

Senator Hune gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bill:

- Deb Drick, resident of Howell, former school board member
- Michael Maloney, resident of Howell, school board member
- Don Wotruba, MI Association of School Boards – Support

The following submitted cards on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Billie Wimmer, Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers – Neutral

This was the first week the bill had been brought before the members so testimony was taken and the legislation was held over for voting at a later date.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1095. The Chair announced there was a conflict substitute (S-1) before the members.

Kara Butters, legislative aide to Senator Booher, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following offered testimony on the bill, their position is indicated below:

- Ross Fort and Richard Lower, MI Department of Education – Support with changes
- Don Wotruba, MI Association of School Boards – Oppose

The following submitted cards on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Denis Cherrin, Starfish Family Services / Inkster – Neutral

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Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1234.

Kara Butters, legislative aide to Senator Booher, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following submitted cards on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Don Wotruba, MI Association of School Boards – Oppose
- Dr. David Michelson, MI Education Association—Support
- Denis Cherrin, Starfish Family Services / Inkster—Neutral

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Being no further business before the committee, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:51 p.m.

**Date Approved: September 19, 2012**

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