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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Education held a meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Senator Pavlov called the meeting to order at 12:22 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 the minutes from June 5, 2013 meeting.
- Adoption of the minutes from June 11, 2013 meeting.
- SB 374 Sen. Emmons Law enforcement; other; Michigan student safety act; create.
- SB 120 Sen. Colbeck Education; curriculum; certain American heritage instruction and documents; allow and prohibit censorship of.
- SB 121 Sen. Colbeck Education; curriculum; celebrate freedom week to be observed in all public schools; require.
- SB 423 Sen. Colbeck Education; school districts; instruction in certain United States historical information; require.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 5, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 374. He advised members there was an S-3 version before them. Senator Emmons gave members a brief summary of the changes in the S-3 version.

The following individuals submitted a card indicating their position on SB 374, but did not wish to speak:

- Sharon Lollo, office of Michigan Attorney General—Support
- Paul Liabenow, Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association—Support
- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the S-3 version of Senate Bill 374.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to report the S-3 version of Senate Bill 374 with recommend that the bill pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Pavlov announced the next order of business would be Senate Bills 120-21 & 423. S-1 versions of both SB 120-21 were placed before the members. Senator Colbeck gave members a brief overview of the bills and the changes in the substitutes.

The following individuals testified before the members to share their position on SB 120-21 & 423:

- James Muffett, Citizens for Traditional Values—Support
- The Honorable Michael Warren, Oakland County Circuit Court—Support
- Paul Stankewitz, Michigan Catholic Conference—Support (SB 120 only)
- Bob Kefgen, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals—Oppose (SB 423 only)
- Alicia Urbain, Michigan Association of Public School Academies—Oppose (SB 423 only)
- Jim Thienel, resident, Waterford—Support
- Alexander and Ariana Zarghami, Students—Support
- Christina DelPizza, teacher—Support
- Grant Strobl, students—Support

The following individuals submitted a card indicating their position on the bills, but did not wish to speak:

- Harrison Blackmond, Democrats for Education Reform—Oppose
- Shelli Weisberg, ACLU of Michigan—Oppose (SB 423 only)

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

Date Approved: October 2, 2013

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