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**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**JUNE 16, 2015**

The Senate Education Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

- 1) SB 279 – S-1 reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
  - 2) SB 280 – S-1 reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
  - 3) HB 4325 – testimony only
  - 4) HB 4326 – testimony only
  - 5) HB 4327 – testimony only
  - 6) HB 4328 – testimony only
  - 7) HB 4329 – testimony only
  - 8) HB 4330 – testimony only
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck, Knezek

Excused: None

Senator Knollenberg made a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

The Chair announced Senate Bills 279-80 were the next order of business and reminded members testimony had been taken at the previous meeting.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on SBs 279-80:

- Tim Dolehanty, Ingham County—Oppose (SB 280)
- Douglas Coates, a citizen—Oppose (SB 280)

- Todd Tennis, AFT-Michigan—Oppose (SB 279)
- Ken Grabowski, Police Officers Association of Michigan—Support (SB 280)

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SBs 279-80 but did not wish to speak:

- Fran Brennan, Michigan AFL-CIO—Oppose
- Justin Dickman, Michigan Townships Association—Support (SB 280)
- Mark Docherty, Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union—Oppose (SB 280)
- Nick Ciaramitaro, Michigan-American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees—Oppose (SB 279)

Being no further testimony, Senator Knollenberg made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 279.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck

Nays: Senator Knezek

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 279 with recommendation that the bill be passed.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck

Nays: Senator Knezek

The motion prevailed.

The Chair made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to the bill; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck offered an amendment to Senate Bill 280 and gave a brief explanation of the change proposed.

Senator Colbeck made a motion to adopt the amendment to Senate Bill 280.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Knezek

The motion prevailed.

Senator Knezek offered an amendment to Senate Bill 280 and gave a brief explanation of the change proposed.

Senator Knezek made a motion to adopt the amendment to Senate Bill 280.

Yeas: Senators Knezek

Nays: Senator Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck

The motion failed.

Senator Knollenberg made a motion to report Senate Bill 280 as amended with recommendation that the bill be passed.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck

Nays: Senator Knezek

The motion prevailed.

The Chair made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to the bill; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

The Chair announced House Bills 4325-30 were the next order of business. Representative Poleski gave members a brief overview of the bills.

Anne Blankenhorn, policy analyst with the Senate Majority Policy Office, gave members an overview of the changes in the S-1 substitute before them.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for House Bill 4325.

Yeas: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on HBs 4325-30:

- Paul Connors and John Barton, Department of Treasury—Support
- Robert Moore, Oakland Schools—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HBs 4325-30 but did not wish to speak:

- Don Olendorf, ESA Legislative Group—Support (HB 4325)
- Kathleen Merry, Wayne Regional Education Services Agency—Support (HB 4325 S-1)
- Julie Rowe, AFT-Michigan—Oppose (HBs 4326, 29)

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HBs 4325-30 but time did not permit them to speak:

- Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards—Neutral (HBs 4325 S-1, 4327,28,30)
- Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards—Oppose (HBs 4326,29)
- Alicia Urbain, Michigan Association of Public School Academies—Neutral (HB 4325)
- Brad Biladeau, Michigan Association of School Administrators—Neutral (HB 4325)
- Brad Biladeau, Michigan Association of School Administrators—Oppose (HBs 4326-28)
- Nick Ciaramitaro, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees—no position given

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 9:55 a.m.

**Date Approved: June 18, 2015**

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