

Education Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

10:30 AM in 1E

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 AM by Chairman, Rep. Fleischmann A. 018.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Boucher T. S26; Bye B. S05; Linares A. S33; Logan G. S17; Moore M. S22; Slossberg G. S14; Somers H. S18; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Baker A. 124; Belsito S. 053; Bolinsky M. 106; Candelaria J. 095; Cook M. 065; Currey J. 011; Dunsby A. 135; Ferguson M. 138; Fleischmann A. 018; Genga H. 010; Green R. 055; Hall C. 059; Johnson S. 049; Kokoruda N. 101; Lavielle G. 143; Lemar R. 096; Lopes R. 024; McCarthy Vahey C. 133; McCarty K. 038; McGee B. 005; Miller P. 145; Morris B. 140; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Rosario C. 128; Sanchez R. 025; Simanski B. 062; Stokes G. 058

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: LeGeyt T. 017

REMARKS BY THE CO-CHAIRS:

Sen. Slossberg, G. S14 welcomed back her colleagues, advocates and staff. She reminded everyone that this is a short session and will receive focus like a laser.

Sen. Boucher, T. S26 welcomed back everyone. She reminded everyone that it is a short session and will be extremely busy. She welcomed the sessional staff. She

stated that everyone will be working hard for the next generation of Connecticut residents.

Rep. Lavielle, G. 143 thanked stakeholders and advocates. She stated that during this period of uncertainty, they would be working for students.

Rep. Fleischmann, A. 18 recognized Sessional Clerks and asked them to stand up. (Amy Orschel, Tamara Morris, Kay Christopher). He also acknowledged Clerk, Leslie Navarrete.

Rep. Fleischmann, A. 18 asked for a motion to raise the following concepts:

1. An Act Concerning the Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations for Technical Revisions to the Education and Early Childhood Statutes
2. An Act Concerning Authorization of State Grant Commitments for School Building Projects
3. An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood
4. An Act Concerning the Alignment and Merging of Early Care and Education Program Funding Streams, Eligibility, Rates and Policies
5. An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Department of Education
6. An Act Prohibiting the Executive Branch from Making Rescissions or Other Reductions to the Education Cost Sharing Grant During the Fiscal Year
7. An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Best Practices Regarding Early Intervention
8. An Act Concerning the Timing of When a School District May Administer the Mastery Examination
9. An Act Expediting the Delivery of Special Education Services
10. An Act Concerning Immunization Records and the Definition of Chronic Absenteeism
11. An Act Concerning Revisions to the Student Data Privacy Act
12. An Act Concerning Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention
13. An Act Concerning Regional Processing and Retention of Fingerprint Records
14. An Act Concerning Students' Right to Privacy in their Personal Electronic Devices
15. An Act Concerning the Creation of the Summer Learning Grant Program
16. An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Best Practices Regarding Social-Emotional Learning and Reducing Disruptive Behavior in Schools

17. An Act Concerning Various Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes
18. An Act Concerning School Counselors
19. An Act Concerning the Administration of Epinephrine by School Bus Drivers
20. An Act Concerning Recommendations of the Task Force on Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Schools
21. An Act Concerning the Amount a Board of Education May Deposit into a Non-lapsing Account for Unexpended Education Funds
22. An Act Concerning the Staff Qualifications Requirement for Early Childhood Educators

The motion was made by Sen. Slossberg, G. S14 and seconded by Rep. Lavielle, G. 143.

Rep. Fleischmann, A. 18 called for a voice vote. The motion passed.

The meeting was recessed, adjourning at 4:00 PM.

Leslie Navarrete.
Committee Clerk

Kay Christopher
Assistant Committee Clerk