Education Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 15, 2019

11:00 AM in Room 1E of the LOB

I. CONVENE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chairman, Sen. McCrory D. S02.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Abrams M. S13; Berthel E. S32; Bizzarro G. S06; Flexer M. S29; Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; McCrory D. S02

Representatives: Barry J. 031; Blumenthal M. 147; Bolinsky M. 106; Candelaria J. 095; Candelora V. 086; Comey R. 102; Currey J. 011; Devlin L. 134; Genga H. 010; Gibson B. 015; Gilchrest J. 018; Haines I. 034; Hill L. 017; Johnson S. 049; Kennedy K. 119; Kokoruda N. 101; Lavielle G. 143; Lemar R. 096; Linehan L. 103; McCarty K. 038; McGee B. 005; Miller P. 145; Napoli R. 073; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077;
Absent were:

Senators: Winfield G. S102

Representatives: Cook M. 065; MacLachlan J. 035

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:41 AM.

II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 announced that the Committee would recess at 12:00 PM. to participate in a moment of silence in memory of Representative Ezequiel Santiago.

III. BILLS FOR FINAL ACTION

1. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to the floor S.B. No. 812 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to start a Consent Calendar and to add S.B. 812 to the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Kokoruda, N. 101. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

2. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to Appropriations S.B. No. 856 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER MANUFACTURERS' WORKFORCE NEEDS WHEN EVALUATING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. (CE,ED)
Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Lemar, R. 96.
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 asked what is the fiscal note?
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 said there is no fiscal note.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. McGee, B. 5. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

3. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor S.B. No. 930 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR MODEL. (ED)

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Rotella, K. 43.
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Genga, H. 10. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

4. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to Appropriations S.B. No. 931 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS. (ED)

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Hill, L. 17. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

5. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor S.B. No. 932 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STAFF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS. (ED)

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Haines, I. 34. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.
6. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to Appropriations S.B. No. 933 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN FAMILIES IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Kennedy, K. 119. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

7. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to Appropriations S.B. No. 934 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Miller, P. 145. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

8. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor S.B. No. 935 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR COMPENSATION SCHEDULE. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 asked what is the fiscal note?
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 said there is no fiscal note.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Kokoruda, N. 101. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

9. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor S.B. No. 936 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD. (ED)

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 asked for clarification on the motion, is it JFS to the floor?
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 said yes.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 asked what is the fiscal note?
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 said there is no fiscal note.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Kennedy, K. 119. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

10. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to Appropriations S.B. No. 937 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS. (ED)

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. McGee, B. 5.
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Haines, I. 34. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

11. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to the floor S.B. No. 956 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM. (ED)

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Linehan, L. 103.
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Hill, L. 17. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

12. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor S.B. No. 1017 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM. (ED)

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 asked for an explanation as to what the advocate will be doing.
Sen. McCrory, D. S02 replied the bill will require that any school district that receives more than 75 open choice students will require the school district designate an advocate to work with the open choice students and families.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 asked if there any qualifiers?

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 replied no.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Sen. Bizzarro, G. S06. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 recessed the meeting at 11:57 PM.

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 reconvened the meeting at 12:18 PM.

13. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to the floor S.B. No. 1020 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL EQUITY. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Haines, I. 34. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

14. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to Appropriations S.B. No. 1021 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Barry, J. 31. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

15. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor H.B. No. 7250 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PLAY. (ED)

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 offered the motion and it was seconded by Rep. Haines, H. 34.

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.
Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Haines, I. 34. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

16. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JFS to the Floor H.B. No. 7258 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM GRADUATION DATE AND THE DATE FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SESSIONS. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. Kennedy, K. 119 thanked the committee for the substitute language added.

Rep. Pavalock-D’Amato, C. 77 asked for clarification as to how will school districts deal with possible truancy?

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 responded it’s optional and gives the district flexibility to allow senior the option of coming to school.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Bolinsky, M. 106. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

17. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to Appropriations H.B. No. 7311 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSITION SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Bolinsky, M. 106. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

18. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to the floor H.B. No. 7312 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT WITH STUDENTS. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Kennedy, K. 119. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.
19. Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for a motion to JF to the floor H.B. No. 7313 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS STUDENTS’ ACCESS TO EDUCATION. (ED)


Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked for comments.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved to place on the consent calendar and it was seconded by Rep. Hill, L. 17. Hearing no objections, it was added to the consent calendar.

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 asked the Clerk to call the consent calendar. A roll call vote was completed by the Clerk.

Those voting Yea: 34 , Those voting Nay: 0, Those absent: 3.

The meeting was recessed at 12:33 PM, adjourning at 5:00 PM.

Luz Osuba  
Committee Clerk

Kathy K. Shea  
Assistant Committee Clerk