Education Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 25, 2019

11:00 AM in Room 1E of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by Chairman, Sen. McCrory D. S02.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Berthel E. S32; Bizzarro G. S06; Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Flexer M. S29; Kushner J. S24; Lesser M. S09; McCrory D. S02; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Barry J. 031; Blumenthal M. 147; Bolinsky M. 106; Candelaria J. 095; Comey R. 102; Cook M. 065; 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; MacLachlan J. 035; McCarty K. 038; Miller P. 145; Napoli R. 073; Pavalock-D’Amato C. 077; Rotella K. 043; Sanchez R. 025; Simanski B. 062

Absent were:

Senators: 

Representatives: Candelora V. 086; McGee B. 005

I. CONVENE MEETING

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 convened the meeting at 11:03 PM and immediately recessed at 11:04 PM. The meeting reconvened at 2:04 PM.
II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 welcomed the committee members and yielded the floor to Rep. Sanchez, R. 25. He asked the committee to take a moment of silence in honor of Jeremy Richman, father of Avielle, a victim of the Sandy Hook attack.

III. BILLS FOR FINAL ACTION

1. **H.B. No. 7110** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ENHANCED CLASSROOM SAFETY AND SCHOOL CLIMATE. (ED)


   Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

   **Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

   **Motion passed.**

2. **S.B. No. 957** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF COMPUTER SCIENCE INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM, PROGRAMS OF TEACHER PREPARATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS.


   Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Rep. Barry, J. 31 seconded the motion.

   **Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

   **Motion passed.**

3. **H.B. No. 7082** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM. (ED)


   Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Rep. Gibson, B. 15 seconded the motion.

   **Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

   **Motion passed.**
4. **H.B. No. 7083** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICAN AND LATINO STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.  (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

5. **S.B. No. 1018** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP.  (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Rep. Currey, J. 11 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

6. **S.B. No. 1019** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LITERACY.  (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Rep. Haines, I. 34 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

7. **S.B. No. 1022** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.  (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

8. **S.B. No. 1023** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.  (ED)
9. **S.B. No. 1067 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS GOVERNING DYSLEXIA INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING.** (ED)

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 stated the committee would hold this bill for further revisions.


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

10. **S.B. No. 1068 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT.** (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

11. **S.B. No. 1069 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.** (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

**Motion passed.**

12. **H.B. No. 7351 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GRADUATION DATA FOR THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM.** (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.
Motion passed.

13. **H.B. No. 7352** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES. (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion for a roll call vote. She cited her caucus’ concerns regarding language which mandates the inclusion of climate change science in Middle and High School curricula.

**Roll Call Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 33 yay, 2 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

14. **H.B. No. 7353** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION. (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

15. **H.B. No. 7354** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES. (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally:** 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

16. **H.B. No. 7355** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE EDUCATION COST SHARING FORMULA. (ED)


Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.
17. **H.B. No. 7356** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY.  (ED)

Rep. Miller, P. 145 made a motion for a roll call vote. She expressed concerns over studying non-SRO personnel carrying firearms in schools. Rep. Linehan, L. 103 and Sen. Daugherty Abrams, M. S13 both expressed vehement opposition to non-SRO personnel carrying firearms in schools, but stated this task force would study school security officers carrying firearms. Rep. Lavielle, G. 143 also stated, for the record, her strong opposition to arming teachers.

**Roll Call Final Vote Tally: 35 voting, 30 yay, 5 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.**

**Motion passed.**

18. **H.B. No. 7357** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF.  (ED)

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Rep. Barry, J. 31 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.**

**Motion passed.**

19. **H.B. No. 7113** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ISSUES.  (ED)

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

**Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.**

**Motion passed.**

20. **S.B. No. 850** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  (ED)

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 made a motion to add this item to the consent calendar, and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.
Consent Calendar Final Vote Tally: 35 voting, 35 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 2 absent not voting.

Motion passed.

A motion was duly made and seconded to recess the meeting at 3:19 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Luz Osuba              Garnet McLaughlin
Committee Clerk       Assistant Committee Clerk