

Education Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 7, 2020

11:00 AM in Room 1E of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by Chairman, Rep. Sanchez R. 025.

The following committee members were present:

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

Representatives: Barry J. 031; Blumenthal M. 147; Bolinsky M. 106; Cook M. 065; Currey J. 011; Devlin L. 134; Farnen B. 132; Genga H. 010; Gibson B. 015; Gilcrest J. 018; Hill L. 017; Johnson S. 049; Kennedy K. 119; Lavielle G. 143; Lemar R. 096; Linehan L. 103; MacLachlan J. 035; McCarty K. 038; McGee B. 005; Miller P. 145; Napoli R. 073; Rotella K. 043; Sanchez R. 025; Simanski B. 062

Absent were:

Senators: Lesser M. S09

Representatives: Candelaria J. 095; Comey R. 102; Haines I. 034; Kokoruda N. 101; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 opened the meeting and welcomed the newly elected Rep. Farnen, B. 132 to the Education Committee.

Rep. Farnen, B. 132 thanked the Chairman for the welcome and stated that he looks forward to working with the Members of the Education Committee during this session.

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 stated he is looking forward to a great session.

Sen. McCrory, D. S02 welcomed the Members and said he is looking forward to another outstanding session like last year.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 welcomed the Members and Rep. Farnen, B. 132 to another session and she looks forward to a collaborative session.

Sen. Berthel, E. S32 said the Committee completed wonderful work last year and he hopes we can continue to move forward.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 read the Hearing Room Safety Rules aloud to all.

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 stated we will move onto Item#3 on the Agenda-Concepts to be raised as raised bills.

### CONCEPTS TO BE RAISED AS RAISED BILLS

1. AAC Authorization of State Grant Commitments for School Building Projects
2. AAC the Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations for Technical Revisions to the Education and Early Childhood Statutes
3. AA Implementing the Recommendations of the Department of Education
4. AAC the Development of a Framework for Assessing the Provision of Public Education in Connecticut
5. AA Implementing the Recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood
6. AAC Youth Camps
7. AA Eliminating the Licensure Exemption for Certain Organizations Providing Child Care Services
8. AAC Education Issues
9. AAC Public Education in Connecticut
10. AAC Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes
11. AAC Various Revisions to the Education Statutes
12. AAC the Inclusion of Personal Financial Management in the Public School Curriculum
13. AAC Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention.
14. AAC School Literacy
15. AAC the Integration of Social and Emotional Learning in Public Education in

Connecticut

16. AAC the Creation of a Pilot Program for an Early Childhood Business Incubator Model.
17. AA Expanding Eligibility in the Care4Kids Program for Homeless Families
18. AA Expanding Eligibility in the Care4Kids Program to Parents Enrolled in Certain Secondary Education Programs
19. AA Reconstituting the Achievement Gap Task Force
20. AAC the Implementation of edTPA as Part of Educator Preparation Programs
21. AAC the Provision of Special Education at Technical Education and Career Schools
22. AA Establishing a Working Group to Study Issues Relating to School Start Times
23. AAC the Creation of a Special Education Excess Cost Cooperative

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 called for a voice vote on Concept #s 1-22.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 moved and Sen. Berthel, E. S32 seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 asked for a motion for a roll call vote for Concept # 23 AAC the Creation of a Special Education Excess Cost Cooperative.

Rep. Lavielle, G. 143 moved and Rep. Bolinsky, M. 106 seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Lavielle, G. 143 stated that she respects the process, good Chairs and they are men of their word, she means no disrespect to them or the process. She heard many concerns by Superintendents, CAPPS and others regarding formula calculations and she wants to vote no on this concept today.

Rep. Currey, J. 11 responded that it is a concept and it came out of the Special Education Task Force that met for a year and he hopes that everyone votes for it.

Rep. McCarty, K. 38 stated that she has some concerns about the Cooperative, she will vote for the concept, but she wants to continue working on it.

Sen. Berthel, E. S32 stated that he shares some of Rep. Lavielle, G. 143 concerns and he will support the concept today.

Rep. Bolinsky, M. 106 stated that progress was made in 2019, he will support the concept today, it's outside the box and he's not sure where it will land.

The Clerk called the roll.

Rep. Sanchez, R. 25 announced the vote will be held open until 3:00 PM.

A motion was duly made by Rep. Genga, H. 10 and seconded by Rep. Gilcrest, J. 18 to recess the meeting until 3:00 PM.

For the record: Rep. Haines, I. 34 absent due to family business out of state and Rep. Kokoruda, N. 101 absent due to business in District.

Vote outcome for Concept # 23 AAC the Creation of a Special Education Excess Cost Cooperative: 30 yeas, 1 nay, 6 absent.

The meeting was recessed at 11:25 AM adjourning at 3:00 PM.

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Administrator

Kathy K. Shea  
Committee Clerk