



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS
REP. RODNEY WAKEMAN
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 12:00 p.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors was called to order by the Chair.

The Chair requested attendance be called. The Clerk called the attendance and announced a quorum was present.

Present: Reps. Wakeman, Meerman, Rendon, Roth, Tisdell, Pohutsky, Brenda Carter, Aiyash.
Absent: Rep. Camilleri.
Excused: Rep. Camilleri.

Representative Meerman moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 22, 2022. There being no objections, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5777 before the committee:

HB 5777 (Rep. Frederick)	A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1705.
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Representative Ben Frederick, the bill sponsor, explained HB 5777 and introduced Frida Morrison, Michigan Spokesperson for Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids-Kindergarten Ready (LEAD-K), who testified in support of HB 5777 and submitted written testimony. Questions followed.

Mary Mitchell testified in support of HB 5777.

Rosemary Langevin testified in support of HB 5777.

Danny McDougall, PhD, CSC, Chair of the Sign Language Studies Department at Madonna University, testified in support of HB 5777. Questions followed.

Dr. Michael M. McKee, MD, MPH, Associate Professor at the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan, testified in support of HB 5777.

Julie Rae Smario testified in support of HB 5777.

Kyah Kitchen, a Case Manager at Deaf Community Advocacy Network (C.A.N.!) and representing LEAD-K, testified in support of HB 5777.

Dr. Casey Stach AuD, Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Michigan Audiology Coalition, testified in opposition to of HB 5777.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to HB 5777, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Shon Halacka, representing the Cued Speech*;

Daniel Seraphinoff, President of the Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Chapter*;

Sidney Kraizman, representing Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Chapter*; and

Jeffery Astrein, Chair of the Hearing Loss association of America Michigan State Association*.

*Submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of HB 5777, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Annie Urasky, Director of the Division on Deaf, Deaf/blind and Hard Hearing in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights*;

Jerome Reide, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights*;

Lori Earls, representing LEAD-K*;

Chris Hench, representing parents of deaf children; and

Peter Dale*;

*Submitted written testimony.

Sheryl Y. Kennedy, Ph.D., Legislative Liaison in the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs of the Michigan Department of Education, individuals submitted a card in support of HB 5777, but did not wish to speak:

The following individuals submitted a card in support of HB 5777, and submitted written testimony, but did not wish to speak:

Merissa Kovach, Policy Strategist, for the American Civil Liberties Union ACLU; and

Natasha Abner, Assistant Professor in the Linguistics Department at the University of Michigan.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of HB 5777, but did not wish to speak:

Carol Kuplicki;

Barry Morrison;

Todd Morrison;

Kevin Morrison;

Michael Morrison;

Judy Ann Lowie;

Daniel Kuehn;

Nicholas Meloche;

Angela Battani;
Tim Hudkins;
Gloria Hudkins
Glen Newcomb;;
Robin Wilson;
Heather Wilson;
Scott Powers;
Peppy Stuckless;
Tana Dewitt;
Diana Snider;
Lawrence Etkie;
Teddy Dorsette III;
David Sharpe;
Melody Sharpe;
Denise Mayer;
Chris Schultz;
Patricia Schultz;
Mike Colombo;
Kelly Wyse;
John Patrick;
Edward Weir;
Jules Crapko;
Gina Colombo;
Roman Imielowski;
Cheryl Wakeman;
Nancy Gingery;
Frannie Brandow;
Nancy McCall;
Mark Farrington;
Julie Kramer;
Natalie Grupido;
Dara Winright;
Miranda Ireland-Kennedy;
Matthew Whitfield;
Laura LaBudde;
Neal McKenzie;
Lallitca Clayton;
Jill Maxwell;
Greg Frohriep;
Dylan Secord;
Sandria Graham;
Debbie Woodman;
Dianne Kinnee;
Victor Battani;
Danny Kennedy, JR;
Debora Solomon;
Darlene Weir;
Sherry Buzzelli;
Joyce LaHaye;
Darlene Lewis;
Harry Lewis;
Elizabeth MaKowski;

Madonna Newcomb;
Card Cottrell;
Haley Gordy;
Pam Growth;
Bonnie Eiermann;
Heather Golob;
Melissa Stanton;
Delia Castillo;
Alvin Shaw;
Monica Imielowski;
Amanda Bogart;
Jodi Seres;
Debra Morrison;
Alan McCall;
Marian Loge;
Rosie Lambert;
Tom Saylor;
Carol Jensen;
Marcy Colton;
Nancy McKenzie;
Raad Hakim;
Michelle Osternout;
Lucas VanDalen;
Jennifer Wickman;
Diana Campbell;
Jennifer Marshall;
Shelly Chu;
Steven Chu;
Ashley Hursin;
Jason Reidel;
Andrea Reide;l
Sarah Shaw;
Ann Nose;
Judy Vernon;
Gerald Vernon;
Tammy Delikta;
Tracey Bauer;
Stevie Naeyaert;
Pamela Growth;
Michael Tioran;
Peggy Ostrander;
Amy Plumridge;
Theresa Plumridge;
Bethany McLain;
Janet Carter;
Norman Smith;
Grace McCoy;
Rosina Switras;
Chris Riley;
Tyrus Hudkins;
Carenlee Phillips;
Tina Takocs;

Rebecca Lozar;
Alexandria Gemmill;
Suzanne Johnson;
Rebecca Claman;
Keith Lozar;
Pat Riley;
Tara Marshall;
Tommy Saylor;
Caroll Sclorff;
Christine Carter;
Mel Frelich;
Peggy Frelich;
Cindy Smolinski;
Wally Jones;
Judy Shepard;
Katie Dreyer;
Samantha Hanser-Maynard;
Ryan Brown;
Kay Torigian;
Megan Seipke-Brown;
Heather Worthington;
Mary Klein;
Tyrus Hudkins;
Denise Wecker-Seipke;
David Seipke;
Sandra Peterson;
Amanda Costa;
Cheryl Airgood;
Kathleen Mitchell;
Alonzo Hursin;
Patricia Hursin;
William Miracle;
Shaylee Kales;
Roy Peterson;
Theresa Miracle;
Yuiette Parks;
Lindsey McGlinch;
Aliehs Zepke;
Margaret Yellin;
Zachary Maccani;
Wendie Dillehay;
Melanie Jackson;
Kara Brown;
Cameron Andrews;
Laura Bommarito;
Christina Pear;
Cynthia Dees;
Jason Rozman;
Virginia Virkler;
Elizabeth Szymanski;
Alina Maccani;
Louise Lee;

Tim Weeks;
April Enlert;
Janet Ruggirello;
JoAnna Royer;
David Panzlav;
Brenda Bachman;
Sherry Bowman;
Connie Sue Davis;
Tamara Rothermel;
Gretchen Sells;
Jackie Peek;
Erik Nimmo;
Maureen Anthony;
Martin Dale-Hench;
Peter Dale;
Helen Hench;
Brendan Krett;
Mary G Klein;
Dorie Barkey;
Deborah Broomham;
Kim Propst;
Julie Heck;
Samie Maccani;
Alison Kreft;
Kid Black Fedio;
Joan Black;
Dennis Kraft;
Berna Sorscher;
Mary Pirkola;
Tom Humenick;
Bonnie Brown;
D. Sofia Gravlin;
Christine Mieloch;
Lori Sutter;
Janis Duchnicki;
Heba Schwebke;
Ashley Wegers;
Hildegard Biele;r
Erin Dennis;
Amy Mitroff;
Connie Forest;
Willie Forest;
Mitch Holaly;
Ted Morgan; and
Gina Morgan.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to HB 5777, but did not wish to speak:

Dr. Tiffany Inman Au.D, representing the Michigan Audiology Coalition;
Dr. Chelsea Conrad Au.D, representing the Michigan Audiology Coalition;
Dr. Nicole Velander, Au.D, representing the Michigan Audiology Coalition;

Dr. Erica Bennett Au.D, PhD, representing the Michigan Audiology Coalition;
Dr. Brittany Finkler, Au.D, representing the Michigan Audiology Coalition;
Donna Sorkin, representing the American Cochlear Implant Alliance;
Brandi Griffin, representing the University of Michigan Hearing Rehabilitation
Center;
Shannon Seraphinoff, representing Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association for
the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Michigan Audiology Coalition; and
Helen Kraizman.

Representative Pohutsky moved to excuse Representative Camilleri from the meeting. There
being no objections, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee; Representative Tisdell moved that the
committee adjourn. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Representative Rodney Wakeman, Chair

Joy Brewer
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