



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

REP. RODNEY WAKEMAN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Room 519, 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, Camilleri, Brenda Carter, Aiyash.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 8, 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.

Mallorie Evans, an Educational Audiologist at Los Angeles Unified School District, testified via zoom in support of HB 5777.

Jerome Reide, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, and Annie Urasky, Director of the Division on Deaf, Deaf/blind and Hard Hearing in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, testified and submitted written testimony in support of HB 5777.

Shon Halacka, representing the Cued Speech Association, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to HB 5777.

Daniel Seraphinoff, President of the Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Chapter, testified in opposition to HB 5777.

Sidney Kraizman, Advocacy Chair of the Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Chapter, testified and submitted testimony in opposition to HB 5777.

Lori Earls, representing LEAD-K, testified in support of HB 5777.

Martin Dale-Hench testified in support of HB 5777.

Peter Dale testified and submitted written testimony in support of HB 5777.

Natalie Grupido, a deaf Educational Specialist, representing Deaf Educators, testified and submitted written testimony in support of HB 5777.

Cindy Blackman , representing FAD, testified in support of HB 5777.

Sean Forbes testified in support of HB 5777.

Ashley Garber, representing the Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, testified in opposition to HB 5777.

Walter LaPlante testified in support of HB 5777.

Michelle Kulpa testified in support of HB 5777.

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

Sheryl Y. Kennedy, Ph.D., Legislative Liaison in the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs of the Michigan Department of Education:

Merissa Kovach, Policy Strategist, for the American Civil Liberties Union ACLU;
Natasha Abner, Assistant Professor in the Linguistics Department at the University of Michigan;

Judy Ann Lowie;
Michael Morrison;
Kevin Morrison;
Todd Morrison;
Barry Morrison;
Carol Kuplicki;
Ora Sue Bogden;
Peppy Stuckless-Whaley;
Nicole Gaines Cotton;
Rose Bonacci;
Beth Caverly;
Deborah McNally;
Lawson McNally;
Janis Duchnicki;
Marcus Bentley;
Debbie Petersmarck;
Mary Mitchell;
Rachel Glaver;
Ron Deschler;

Margaret Botker;
Millie Tursin;
Kayah Kitchen;
Maria Klein;
Michael Morrison;
Freida Morrison;
Barney Morrison;
Theresa Miracle;
Shaylee Kales
Paul Kuplicki;
Sharron Smith;
James Allen;
Dallas Barker;
Erica Chapin;
Rosemary Langevon;
Vicky Hovinen;
Judy Ann Lowrie;
Linda Sykova;
Steve Chu;
Kaitlin Jane Duchan;
Clifford Seipke;
Jailah Dru-Islam;
Jennifer Darnell;
Sebastian Sarkissiah;
Sandra Casey;
Ardis J. Gardella
Heather Vandesteen;
Steve Vandesteen;
Mary Blair;
Danielle Tier;
Rachel Klinger;
Jennifer Dahlstrom;
Glynette Wolk;
Marilyn Vogel;
Esther Uttman;
Kristen LaPlatte;
Ronald Scriptor;
Joanne Forbes;
Jennifer Berrigan;
Darlene Weir;
Edward Weir;
Lisa Heck;
Harry Lewis;
Darlene Lewis;
Rowan Dougherty;
Janet Deschler;
Matthew Whitfield;
Jodi Seres;
Jordan Jones;

Kid Black Fedio; and
Mike Depcik.

Helen Kraizman submitted a card in opposition to HB 5777, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee; Representative Rendon moved that the committee adjourn. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Representative Rodney Wakeman, Chair

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