

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minnesota State Senate
Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Date: March 15, 2005
3:00p.m. Room 112 State Capitol

Present:

Senator Steve Kelley	Senator David Tomassoni	Senator Michele Bachmann
Senator Geoff Michel	Senator Tom Saxhaug	Senator Rod Skoe
Senator LeRoy Stumpf	Senator David Hann	Senator Gen Olson

Sen. Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and announced that the committee would hear testimony regarding SF 784.

Sen. Pappas introduced SF 784-World Languages State Coordination & Grant Program, of which she is chief author. Anita Ratwick, Founder, MN New Visions testified in support of the bill. She presented a video. Janice Holter Kittok, Principal Licensure Candidate, Hamline University, also testified in support of the bill.

SF 784 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Policy Omnibus bill.

The gavel was passed to Sen. Skoe.

Sen. Kelley introduced SF 764 of which he is chief author. Dr. Peter Noll, Education Director, Minnesota Catholic Conference, Dr. Robert Tift, President, Benilde-St. Margaret High School, and Shep Harris, Director of Government Relations, JCRC testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Kelley moved that SF 764 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to State and Local Government Operations. The motion prevailed.

Sen. Kelley introduced SF 1291 of which he is chief author. Dee Thomas, Minnesota State Board of Teaching, and Jerry Ness, Minnesota Rural Education Association testified in support of the bill.

SF 1291 was temporarily laid over.

The gavel was returned to Sen. Kelley.

Sen. Stumpf introduced SF 586, of which Sen. Sams is the chief author. Gary Nytes, NCSC/NSPA, testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Stumpf moved that SF 586 be recommended to pass to the floor. The motion prevailed.

Sen. Olson moved that SF 1291 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to State and Local Government Operations. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kiscaden and Senator Senjem introduced SF 1004 and SF 1159, of which they are the respective chief authors. Valerie Pace, Greater Rochester University Center, Al Berring, CEO, Pemstar, Kathy Meyerle, Mayo Clinic, Drew Flaada, IBM, and Matt Kramer, Commissioner, DEED testified in support of the bill. Dr. Gregory Wright, Rochester Community and Technical College gave testimony and did not speak in support or opposition of the bill.

Sen. Skoe moved the A-2 delete-all amendment to SF1159 with an additional oral amendment:

- 1) Delete page 2, line 27, delete "Meetings of the" and page 2, line 28, delete "committee are not subject to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D"

Susan Heegard, Higher Education Services Office testified.

- 2) Delete page 2, line 34, delete "University" and insert "Higher Education"

The motion prevailed.


Sen. Skoe moved that SF1159 language be incorporated into SF1004, as amended.
The motion prevailed.

Mark Misukanis, Higher Education Services Office answered questions for the committee.

Sen. Skoe moved that SF 1004, as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred to Finance. The motion prevailed.

Sen. Olson moves SF 1159, as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred to Finance. The motion prevailed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The proceedings were audio taped.



Senator Steve Kelley
Chairman



Jessica Null
Legislative Assistant

Education Committee

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

3:00-5:30 p.m.

Room 112, Capitol

Agenda

I. SF 586: Sams (10 Minutes)

Teacher License Variance for Certain Special Ed. Teachers
Gary Needes

II. SF 784: Pappas (20 Minutes)

World Languages State Coordination & Grant Program

- Anita Ratwick, Minnesota New Visions, Founder/ Coordinator
- Galle Berg, Minneapolis Public Schools World Languages Curriculum Specialist
- Janice Holter Kittok, Principal Licensure Candidate, Hamline University

III. SF 764: Kelley (20 Minutes)

Special Education Task Force

- Dr. Peter Noll, Education Director, Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Dr. Robert (Bob) Tift, President, Benilde-St. Margaret High School, St. Louis Park
- Shep Harris, JCRC Director of Government Relations
- Chana Shagalow, Director of Sha'arim: Gateways to Education

IV. SF 1291: Kelley (15 Minutes)

Interdisciplinary Teachers Licensing Rules

- Dee Thomas, Member of the Minnesota State Board of Teaching
- Jerry Ness, Minnesota Rural Education Association

V. SF 1004: Kiscaden & SF 1159: Senjem (30 Minutes)

Rochester University

- Valerie Pace, Greater Rochester University Center
- Al Berring, CEO Pemstar
- Drew Flaada, IBM
- Kathy Meyerle, Mayo Clinic
- Matt Kramer, Commissioner DEED

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Education Policy
 Date: March 15, 2005 Day: Tuesday Start Time: 3:10

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	784
Author	Pappas
Short Descriptor	World Languages State Coordination & Grant Program
Action(s)	Laid over for inclusion in omnibus bill
Bill # (or Topic)	764
Author	Kelley
Short Descriptor	Special Education Task Force
Action(s)	Re-referred to State and Local Gov. passed
Bill # (or Topic)	1291
Author	Kelley
Short Descriptor	Interdisciplinary Teachers Licensing Rules
Action(s)	Laid over for inclusion in omnibus Re-referred to state and local gov. passed
Bill # (or Topic)	586
Author	Sams
Short Descriptor	Teacher Licensure
Action(s)	Passed, Gen. orders