

Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division
March 3, 2005
3:00 p.m. Room 123
Chair, Senator John C. Hottinger

Present:

Hottinger, Chair
Bob Kierlin
Gary Kubly
Sean Nienow
Sandy Pappas
Linda Scheid
Dan Sparks
Betsy Wergin

Absent:

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:10

AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 380 (Wiger) School Readiness State Advisory Board

Senator Wiger introduced the bill and the witnesses.

MOTION: A-1 Amendment

→ A quorum was not present.

- Ann Nelson, Concerned Parent of two children. Ms. Nelson emphasized that School Readiness is a tool for parents, and helps with early detection of learning disabilities.
- Roxy Foster, Council for Civic Parent Leadership, referenced her handouts with recommendations for parent participation in the program.

The Committee came to the consensus to wait to vote on this bill. The Committee is going to look at this bill, as well as several others, and see which ones best reach the goals of the Committee.

MOTION: A-1 Amendment Motion Renewed, as a quorum was present.

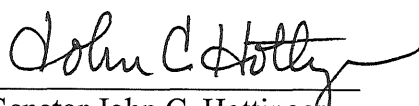
→ Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Department of Human Services Report: "School Readiness in Child Care Settings: A Developmental Assessment of Children in 22 Accredited Child Care Centers."

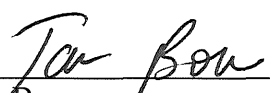
- Barb Yates, Director of Child Development Services, and Deb Swenson-Klatt, Early Childhood Specialist, both from the Department of Education. They gave their presentation, and answered questions at the end.
- Chad Dunkley, President of Minnesota Child Care Association, and CEO of New Horizon Child Care Association. Mr. Dunkley stated that the results are profound, quality of a childcare associations matters. He stated that these programs can help all children come to Kindergarten ready to learn.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair



Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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S.F. 380-Wiger: School readiness state advisory board

1. Ann Nelson, Concerned Parent
2. Roxy Foster, Council for Civic Parent Leadership

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1. Barb Yates, Director of Child Development Services
2. Deb Swenson-Klatt, Early Childhood Education Specialist