

Education Policy Committee
March 14, 2006
3-5:30p.m.
Capitol Room 112
Senator Steve Kelley

Members Present:

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| Senator Steve Kelley | Senator David Tomassoni | Senator Geoff Michel |
| Senator Tom Saxhaug | Senator Tarryl Clark | Senator LeRoy Stumpf |
| Senator David Hann | Senator Rod Skoe | |

Members Absent:

Senator Michele Bachmann Senator Gen Olson

Senator Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:25p.m.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 3073 from Sen. Clark, of which she is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Lynette Wayne, National Board Certified Teacher, 1st grade teacher, Hasting, MN, spoke in support of the bill.

Sheri Tamte, National Board Certified Teacher, Art teacher, Buffalo, MN spoke in support of the bill.

Sandy Hayes, Minnesota's first National Board Certified Teacher, English teacher, Becker, MN, spoke in support of the bill.

The committee had quorum at 3:43p.m.

Keith Geiger, National Board Staff Member and Former National Education Association President. Mr. Geiger spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Geiger referenced the "Education Minnesota" folder, referencing the "Accomplished Teacher" magazine, specifically, page 20-21 (Miami High) and 18-19 (Arizona).

Sen. Clark moved that SF 3073 pass and be re-referred to K-12 Finance.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2994 from Sen. Kelley, of which he is chief author. Article 2, Section 8, (Board of School Administrators Rulemaking), Articles 5 (Self-Sufficiency-Life Long Learning) and 6 (Early Childhood) are all included in separate Senate bills.

Sen. Kelley moved the A06-1181 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Kelley moved the A06-1161 with the following oral amendment:
Page 1, delete lines 21-24, page 2, lines 1 and 2.

The motion prevailed

The Committee first heard testimony from Alice Seagren, Commissioner of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266. Commissioner Seagren spoke in support of the bill.

Tom Melcher, Director of Program Finance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed the sections of Article 1, SF 2994: Section 1, Page 2, lines 11-15, Section 2 (Q-Comp), Section 3 (Charter School Funding Cap), Section 4, Article 6, 7, and 8 (Revenue calculations for students Ages 21 and older), Section 5 (Q Comp Revenue Reporting Clarification), Section 4 (changes from incorporating the A06-1181 amendment), Section 9 (Sparsity Revenue Calculations), Section 10 (Unemployment Insurance Levy), Section 11 (Safe Schools Levy Clarification), and Section

12 (Payments to School Nonoperating Funds and Aid Payment Percentage). Mr. Melcher spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Kelley recognized members of the Egyptian Delegation that were in the room. The Delegation was observing the Minnesota Education Committee.

Amy Roberts, Director of Compliance and Assistance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 1 (Residency Disputes) of SF 2994. Ms. Roberts spoke in support of the bill.

Beth Aune, Director of Academic Standards and High School Improvement, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 2 (Benchmarks). This section was deleted with the A06-1161 amendment. Ms. Aune also discussed Article 2, Section 3 (reimbursement for Examination Fees). Ms. Aune spoke in support of the bill.

Amy Roberts, Director of Compliance and Assistance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 4 (Exclusions and Expulsions) and Article 2, Section 5 (Online Learning Parameters). Ms. Roberts spoke in support of the bill.

Tom Melcher, Director of Program Finance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 6 (Transportation). Mr. Melcher spoke in support of the bill.

Dieu-Anh Nguyen, Consolidated Federal Programs Support, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 7 (General Requirements for Programs). Ms. Nguyen spoke in support of the bill.

Beth Aune, Director of Academic Standards and High School Improvement, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 9. Ms. Aune spoke in support of the bill.

Dan Bittman, Director of Educator Licensing and Teacher Quality, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 10 (Science Teachers). Mr. Bittman spoke in support of the bill.

Cathy Wagner, Director of Information Technologies, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 2, Section 11. Ms. Wagner spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Kelley moved the A06-1192 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Amy Roberts, Director of Compliance and Assistance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 3, Section 1 (Parental Consent), Article 3, Section 2 (Conciliation Conference), Article 3, Section 3 (Mediation), Article 3, Section 4 (Mediated Agreements), Article 3, Section 5 (Impartial Due Process), Article 3, Section 6 (Hearing Officer Qualifications), Article 3, Section 7 (Request for Hearing and Resolution Meeting), Article 3, Section 8 (Prehearing conference), Article 3, Section 9 (Expedited Due Process Hearings) and Article 3, Section 10 (Hearing Officer's Decision). Ms. Roberts spoke in support of the bill.

Tom Melcher, Director of Program Finance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 3, Section 11 (Nonresident Tuition Rate). Mr. Melcher spoke in support of the bill.

Barbara O'Sullivan, Supervisor of Early Learning Services, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 3, Section 12 (Interagency Child Find System), Article 3, Section 13 (State Interagency Coordination Council), Article 3, Section 14 (Responsibilities of County Boards and School Boards), Article 3, Section 15 (Interagency Early Intervention Committees), Article 3, Section 16

(Individualized Family Service Plan), Article 3, Section 17 (Service Coordination), and Article 3, Section 18 (State Interagency Agreement).

Amy Roberts, Director of Compliance and Assistance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 3, Section 19 (Approval of Education Programs), Article 3, Section 20 (Responsibilities for Providing Education), Article 3, Section 21 (Education Programs for Students Placed in Licensed Facilities), Article 3, Section 22 (Exit Report Summarizing Educational Progress), Article 3, Section 23 (Minimum Educational Services Required), Article 3, Section 24 (Reimbursement for Education Services), Article 3, Section 25 (Students Unable to Attend School), Article 3, Section 28 (Department of Education Rules), and Article 3, Section 29 (Repealers). Ms. Roberts spoke in support of the bill.

Tom Melcher, Director of Program Finance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 3, Section 27 (Travel Aid). Mr. Melcher spoke in support of the bill.

Robyn Widley, Supervisor of Interagency Services, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 3, Section 26 (Advisory Committee). Ms. Widley spoke in support of the bill.

Tom Melcher, Director of Program Finance, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 4, Section 1 (Repealer). Mr. Melcher spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Kelley moved the following oral amendment:
Delete, Article 5 and Article 6

The motion prevailed.

Barry Sullivan, Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266, discussed Article 7, Section 1 (Minnesota State Academies). Mr. Sullivan spoke in support of the bill.

Karen Efrem, EdWatch, discussed Article 3, Section 1. Ms. Efrem spoke in opposition of the bill.

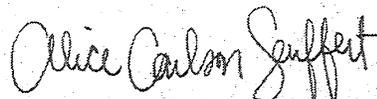
SF 2994 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Senator Steve Kelley
Chairman



Alice Carlson Seuffert
Legislative Assistant

Education Committee

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

3:00-5:30 p.m.

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Agenda

I. SF 3073: Clark

National Board Certification

- Keith Geiger, National Board Staff Member and Former National Education Association President
- Sandy Hayes, Minnesota's first National Board Certified Teacher, English teacher, Becker, MN
- Sheri Tamte, National Board Certified Teacher, Art teacher, Buffalo, MN
- Lynette Wayne, National Board Certified Teacher, 1st grade teacher, Hastings, MN

II. SF 2994: Kelley

Department of Education Technical Bill*

- Alice Seagren, Commissioner of Education
- Tom Melcher, Director of Program Finance
- Amy Roberts, Director of Compliance and Assistance
- Beth Aune, Director of Academic Standards and High School Improvement
- Dieu-Anh Nguyen, Consolidated Federal Programs Support
- Dan Bittman, Director of Educator Licensing and Teacher Quality
- Cathy Wagner, Director of Information Technologies
- Barbara O'Sullivan, Supervisor of Early Learning Services
- Robyn Widley, Supervisor of Interagency Services
- Minnesota State Academies Representative
- Karen Efrem, EdWatch

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