

Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division

March 28, 2006

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 Kubly called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: **S.F. 3384-Pogemiller:** Establishing an allowance for early childhood learning preparedness and enrichment expenses.

Senator Pogemiller walked the Committee through the bill. He explained, "Let's get real, let's do something." This allowance is not meant for childcare, it is meant to enhance education. Senator Pogemiller explained how \$300 million would be raised via a 4th tier tax bracket.

A quorum was present.

MOTION: Senator Scheid moved to re-refer S.F. 3384 to Finance.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #2: **S.F. 2883-Sparks:** Child care licensing provisions modification.

Senator Sparks introduced the bill.

- Kathy Stutzman, Financial Director, Parenting Resource Center, Austin, MN, explained the importance of quality sleeping facilities.

MOTION: Senator Sparks moved to re-refer S.F. 2883 to Finance.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: **S.F. 2997-Hottinger:** Child care reimbursement rate additional category and absent days.

Senator Kierlin introduced the bill.

MOTION: Senator Kierlin moved the A-2 Amendment.

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Kierlin moved the A-3 Amendment.

Passed.

- Chad Dunkley, President, MN Child Care Association; CEO, New Horizon Academy, wants the changes because it will better reflect the private market.
- Cherie Kotilinek, Manager, Child Care Assistance Program, explained the fiscal impacts of the bill.
- Ann Kaner-Roth, Child Care WORKS, explained how this proposal came from a health and safety discussion that happened last year. Ms. Kaner-Roth supports the bill.
- Beth Mork, Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association, spoke to the positive

impact of quality training for educators.

- Brigid Riley, Executive Director, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention & Parenting, talked about the deleted third section. She is supportive of the bill.
- Karen Cadigan, Research Associate, University of Minnesota, spoke to the additional training requirements. Ms. Cadigan explained that better trained people equals better outcomes for children.
- Joan White, Senate Counsel and Research, explained the oral amendments.
- Cherie Kotilinek, Manager, Child Care Assistance Program, explained the pre-2005 changes in the absent day section.

MOTION: Senator Scheid moved to repeal Section 119B.13, Subd. 7. (This motion was made under the assumption that this issue would be revisited.)

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Kierlin moved to strike Section 6 from the adopted A-3 Amendment.

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Scheid moved to lay the bill over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM #4: **S.F. 3615-Hottinger**: Third party co-pay modification.

Senator Hottinger and Eric Haugee, Committee Administrator, explained the bill.

- Cherie Kotilinek, Manager, Child Care Assistance Program, explained the details of the bill.
- Carol Dunsmore, Center Director, Whittier Early Learning Center, supports the bill.
- Julie Van Warren, Children's Home and Family Charity Services, extinguished fears of tax evasions.
- Sue Roedl, Program Director, St. Stephen's Human Services, supports the bill.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved "the effective date is the day following final enactment."

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved S.F. 3615, as amended, to be re-referred to Finance.

Passed.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: **S.F. 3087-Hottinger**: Child passenger restrain systems use requirement for child care.

Senator Hottinger explained the bill.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved the A-2 Amendment.

Passed.

- Chad Dunkley, President, MN Child Care Association; CEO, New Horizon Academy, explained the bill. Mr. Dunkley is supportive of the bill.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved to re-refer S.F. 3087 to Finance.

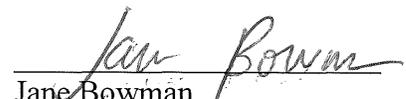
Passed.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair


Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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