



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Education Policy

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Agenda

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1. Call to Order

2. Opening Remarks

3. Special Ed in Minnesota Overview

- Special Ed Overview from Heidi Nistler, Assistant Superintendent of Specialized Services, St. Paul Public Schools

4. S.F. 1842- Boldon: Teacher licensure requirements modifications and professional development on dyslexia requirement provision

Also testifying on the bill:

- George Logan, MD, International Dyslexia Association, Upper Midwest Branch
- Karen Sunday, Orton Gillingham Reading Specialists
- Ash Cocchiarella, young adult with dyslexia
- Jasman Myers, Special Education Teacher, Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota (virtual)
- Jennifer Jackson, Parent

5. S.F. 256- Hoffman: Service animal support in school allowance

- See the A2 Amendment

Also testifying on the bill:

- Laura McMahon, Parent
- Jim, Katie, and Will Christensen, Parents and student (virtual)
- Jessica Webster, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid

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- Jennifer Danielson, South St Paul Public Schools, MN Administrators for Special Education (virtual)

6. S.F. 1667- Hoffman: Developmental delay age limit working group establishment provision

- See the A-3 Amendment

Also testifying on the bill:

- Heidi Nistler, Assistant Superintendent of Specialized Services, St. Paul Public Schools
- Maren Christenson, Multicultural Autism Action Network

7. S.F. 2078- Farnsworth: Individualized education program requirements modification

Also testifying on the bill:

- Lenora Jensen, DCD teacher, Hibbing Minnesota (virtual)
- Shawn Alaspa, Teacher, Hibbing (virtual)
- Nicole Woodward, Executive Director, St. Croix River Education District
- Dr. Justin Killian, Education Issues Specialist, Education Minnesota
- Maren Christenson, Multicultural Autism Action Network

8. Additional Business

9. Adjournment

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