

Minnesota State Senate

Education Policy Committee
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
12:30 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski - **Chair**, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade - **Vice Chair**, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator Julia E. Coleman - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Jeremy R. Miller

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 12:35pm

Call to Order

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

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

Testifiers: Jasman Myers, Special Education Teacher, Decoding Dyslexia MN, Ash Cocchiarella, young adult with dyslexia, Jennifer Jackson, Parent, George Logan, MD, Int’l Dyslexia Association, Upper Midwest Branch

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1842, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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

Testifiers: Laura McMahon, Parent, Jessica Webster, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid, Katie Christensen, Parent and student (virtual), Jennifer Danielson, South St. Paul Public Schools, MN Administrators for Special Education (virtual)

Senator Abeler moved the A-2 Amendment - adopted by voice.

As amended, be laid over.

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

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

Senator Maye Quade moved the A-3 Amendment - adopted by voice.

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 1667, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2078: Senator Farnsworth: Individualized education program requirements modification.

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

Senator Abeler moved the A-1 Amendment - adopted by voice.

As amended, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair



Diana Rico, Majority Legislative Support Supervisor