Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Education

Assembly Bill 51

Relating to: creating a Charter School Authorizing Board, providing additional charter school authorizers, eliminating the limit on the number of pupils who may attend virtual charter schools, modifying teacher licensure requirements, eliminating the limit on the reduction in general school aid used to fund independent charter schools, covering certain charter school employees under the Group Insurance Board health coverage plan for local government employees, allowing a charter school to elect to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Vos, Kestell, Marklein, Van Roy, Kleefisch, Pridemore, Bies, Nass, Honadel, Ballweg, Knodl, Mursau and Jacque; cosponsored by Senators Darling, Olsen, Lazich, Vukmir, Kapanke and Galloway.

March 17, 2011 Referred to Committee on Education.

June 2, 2011 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (11) Representatives Kestell, Marklein, Nass, Pridemore, Knudson, Thiesfeldt, Wynn, Pope-Roberts, Sinicki, Hintz and Clark.

Absent: (0) None. Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Sarah Archibald, Madison Senator Luther Olsen's Office
- Jim Emerson, Madison State Senator Alberta Darling's Office
- John Gee, Madison Wisconsin Charter Schools Association
- David Hansen, Chicago Natl Assoc of Charter School Authorizers
- Robert Morelan, Racine Dr., 21st Century Prep School
- Carla Koepp, Howards Grove
- Kristy Casey, Wauwatosa
- Fikrullah Kisor
- Kathy Ronco, Milwaukee Highland Community School

Appearances Against

- Bob Soldner, Madison DPI
- Mike Thompson, Madison DPI
- Thomas Mertz, Madison

- Amy Schulze, Sheboygan WEAC
- Allison Pratt, Onalaska WEAC
- Reggie Holmes, Argyle WEAC
- Lyman Elliott, Edgerton

Appearances for Information Only

- John Forester, Madison School Administrators Alliance
- Dan Rossmiller, Madison WI Association of School Boards
- Jeanne Hiane, Mt. Horeb
- Jeff Spitzer-Resnick, Madison Disability Rights WI
- Leon Hebert, Fort Atkinson

Registrations For

- Jason O'Brien, Milwaukee Community High School
- Ingrid Beamsky, Madison
- Ivorena Taylor, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Rita Tussin, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Pat Tabor, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Jamie Ohland, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Barry Weber, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Kathy Hubing, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Kim Miller, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Tracy Williams, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Brenda DeWindt, Milwaukee Highland Community School
- Tim Hoven, Milwaukee Milwaukee Charter School Advocates
- Josh Zimmers, Milwaukee
- Susan Ballje, Milwaukee
- Anna Hammernik, Milwaukee
- Jacqueline Gruenke, Sheboygan Lake Country Academy
- Robin Vos, Burlington Representative, 63rd Assembly District
- Steve Baas, Milwaukee Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce

Registrations Against

- Stephanie Lowden, Madison
- Lawrence Lowden, Madison
- Stacy Harbaugh, Madison ACLU of WI
- Laura Chern, Madison
- Diane Craney, Madison WEAC

Registrations for Information Only

• None.

June 9, 2011 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (11) Representatives Kestell, Marklein, Nass,
Pridemore, Knudson, Thiesfeldt, Wynn, PopeRoberts, Sinicki, Hintz and Clark.

Absent: (0) None. Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Kestell, seconded by Representative Marklein that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (11) Representatives Kestell, Marklein, Nass, Pridemore, Knudson, Thiesfeldt, Wynn, Pope-Roberts, Sinicki, Hintz and Clark.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Marklein, seconded by Representative Knudson that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (11) Representatives Kestell, Marklein, Nass, Pridemore, Knudson, Thiesfeldt, Wynn, Pope-Roberts, Sinicki, Hintz and Clark.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 11, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Pridemore, seconded by Representative Nass that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Kestell, Marklein, Nass, Pridemore, Knudson, Thiesfeldt and Wynn.

Noes: (4) Representatives Pope-Roberts, Sinicki, Hintz and Clark.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Knudson, seconded by Representative Wynn that **Assembly Bill 51** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Kestell, Marklein, Nass, Pridemore, Knudson, Thiesfeldt and Wynn.

Noes: (4) Representatives Pope-Roberts, Sinicki, Hintz and Clark.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 4

Chris Kulow Committee Clerk