

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

52ND LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: February 18, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ROOM: SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Sylvia Allen

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Senator Kimberly Yee

ANALYST: Catcher Baden

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Begay	X			SB 1055	DP
Senator Bradley	X			SB 1137	DP
Senator Dial	X			SB 1219	DPA/SE
Senator Pancrazi	X			SB 1220	DPA/SE
Senator Smith	X			SB 1240	DPA/SE
Senator Yee, Vice-Chairman	X			SB 1287	DPA
Senator Allen, Chairman	X			SB 1376	DPA
				SB 1389	DP
				SB 1438	DPA/SE
				SB 1451	DP
				SB 1455	DPA/SE
				SB 1457	DP
				SCM 1017	DP

PRESENTATION

Spotlight on School Success

Arizona Educational Foundation and Awardees

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Allen stated that without objection, the minutes of February 11, 2016 were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1438 – computer system; software; sale; lease – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Jeffrey Ong, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained the 3-page Allen strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 3:53 p.m. (Attachment A) and the 6-line Yee amendment dated 02/17/16 at 12:38 p.m. (Attachment B) to the strike everything amendment.

Senator Shooter, bill sponsor, further explained the strike everything amendment.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Jay Kaprosy, NCS Pearson Inc. testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Senator Yee moved SB 1438 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 3-page Allen strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 3:53 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED.

Senator Yee moved the 6-line Yee amendment dated 02/17/16 at 12:38 p.m. (Attachment B) to the strike everything amendment be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved the 3-page Allen strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 3:53 p.m. (Attachment A) AS AMENDED, be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1438 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).

Senator Pancrazi explained her vote.

PRESENTATION

Spotlight on School Success: Arizona Educational Foundation and Awardees

Bobbie O’Boyle, Executive Director, Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF), gave an overview of the Arizona Educational Foundation and shared the successes of education across Arizona. Ms. O’Boyle explained the various programs including the Spelling Bee administered by AEF and introduced Marcus Behling, the 2015 Arizona Spelling Bee Champion.

Marcus Behling, 9th grade student, Perry High School, 2015 Arizona Spelling Bee Champion, shared his opportunity, success and the impact of the support given by the AEF. Mr. Behling answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. O'Boyle gave a brief overview of Polly Rosenbaum and introduced Amalia Frohna, Winner of 2014 Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest.

Amalia Frohna, Senior, Chaparral High School, Winner of 2014 Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest, shared her success in winning and the great impact it had in her academic learning and life. Ms. Frohna answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. O'Boyle gave a brief overview of A+ School of Excellence Program and introduced Gale Holland, Principal, Chaparral High School, Scottsdale Unified School District.

Gale Holland, Principal, Chaparral High School, Scottsdale Unified School District, explained the successes of Chaparral High School as an A+ school of excellence and shared her opportunities to mentor aspiring principals through AEF's Principals' Leadership Academy of Arizona (PLAA) Program.

Ms. O'Boyle gave a brief overview of Teacher of the Year Program and introduced Christine Marsh, 2016 Arizona Teacher of the Year, Advanced Placement English Teacher Chaparral High School, Scottsdale.

Christine Marsh, Advanced Placement English Teacher, 2016 Arizona Teacher of the Year, addressed her successes and the impact that the Teacher of the Year Award has had in her professional career. Ms. Marsh thanked AEF for the opportunity to advocate on a broader platform for teachers, students and public schools in general. Ms. Marsh extended an invitation to Committee members to visit Chaparral High School and see the impact of the AEF Programs.

Ms. O'Boyle made closing remarks and answered questions posed by the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1389 – student, teacher data collection; prohibitions. – DO PASS

Catcher Baden, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1389 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Burges, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1389.

Tom Platt, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1389.

Dr. Vicki Alger, Research Fellow, Independent Institute, Oakland, California, Resident of District 24, testified in support of SB 1389.

Greg Rucker, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1389 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Platt answered questions posed by the Committee.

Clair Van Steenwyk, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1389.

Jay Kaprosy, Arizona Charter School Association, and Center for Student Achievement, testified in opposition to SB 1389.

Stacey Morley, Arizona Education Association, testified in opposition to SB 1389 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Kristi Bencomo, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1389.

Sophia Cogan, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1389.

Lisa Hudson, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1389 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Gina Ray, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1389 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Itasca Small, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1389.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified as neutral to SB 1389.

Senator Yee moved SB 1389 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 2).

Senators Begay, Bradley, Pancrazi, Smith, Dial, Yee and Allen explained their vote.

SB 1055 – schools; computer coding instruction – DO PASS

Justin West, Appropriations Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1055 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kavanagh, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1055 and shared a 60 second video “Hour of Code.” Senator Kavanagh answered questions posed by the Committee.

Kelly Smith, Prenda, testified in support of SB 1055.

David Dodge, CodaKid, testified in support of SB 1055.

Stacey Morley, Arizona Education Association, testified in opposition to SB 1055.

Michael Badgett, Software Development, Infusionsoft, testified in support of SB 1055.

Isaac Hernandez, representing on behalf of Kristin Romaine, Chief Executive Officer, StartUp Arizona Foundation, testified in support of SB 1055.

Senator Yee moved SB 1055 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 3).

Senators Yee and Pancrazi explained their vote.

SB 1455 – educational certification applicants; restrictions – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Catcher Baden, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained the 12-page Allen strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:53 p.m. (Attachment C) and the 2-page Allen amendment dated 02/17/16 at 4:50 p.m. (Attachment D) to the strike everything amendment.

Whitny Shields, Mommy Lobby, representing herself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Jennifer Reynolds, Member, Mommy Lobby, representing herself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Kristin Bencomo, representing herself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Greg Rucker, representing himself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Sophia Cogan, representing herself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lisa Fink, representing herself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Gina Ray, Member, Mommy Lobby, Leader, Opt-out Movement, distributed a handout entitled “Problems with AzMerit -- Why Parents Feel the Test is Immoral” (Attachment E), testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lisa Hudson, representing herself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Stacey Morley, Arizona Education Association, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Dr. Karol Schmidt, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Education, distributed a letter from the U.S. Department of Education dated December 22, 2015 (Attachment F), testified as neutral to the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1455 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 12-page Allen strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:53 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED.

Senator Yee moved the 2-page Allen amendment dated 02/17/16 at 4:50 p.m. (Attachment D) to the strike everything amendment be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved the 12-page Allen strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:53 p.m. (Attachment C) AS AMENDED, be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1455 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 4).

Senators Bradley, Pancrazi, Smith and Allen explained their vote.

SB 1137 – schools; CPR instruction. – DO PASS

Bill Ritz, Finance Committee Analyst, explained SB 1137.

Representative Coleman, testified in support of SB 1137 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Nicole Olmstead, Government Relations Director, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association, distributed a packet entitled “American Heart Association, American Stroke Association” (Attachment G). Ms. Olmstead testified in support of SB 1137 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Paul Bourgeois, Fire Chief, Superstition Fire Medical District, testified in support of SB 1137.

Roxanne Coleman, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1137.

Brandon Griffith, Training Director, Arizona Cardiac Arrest Survivors, also current Police Officer, and representing American Heart Association (AHA), Academy of Chiropractic Arts & Science (ACAS), testified in support of SB 1137.

Jane Powers, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1137.

Jessica Herman, Program Director, Anthony Bates Foundation, testified in support of SB 1137.

Senator Yee moved SB 1137 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 5).

SB 1457 – empowerment scholarships; persons with disabilities – DO PASS

Catcher Baden, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1457.

Jordan Visser (son) and Kathy Visser (mother), representing themselves, testified in support of SB 1457.

Katherine Wride, representing herself, shared Kym Wilbur’s testimony and testified in support of SB 1457.

Senator Yee moved SB 1457 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 6).

Senator Bradley explained his vote.

SB 1240 – private postsecondary institutions; police officers – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Catcher Baden, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained the 10-page Smith strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:39 p.m. (Attachment H).

Paul Senseman, Policy Development Group, appeared on behalf of **Grand Canyon University**, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Senator Yee moved SB 1240 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 10-page Smith strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:39 p.m. (Attachment H) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1240 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 7).

SB 1287 – Arizona online instruction; transfer credits. – DO PASS AMENDED

Jeffrey Ong, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1287 and the 9-page Allen amendment dated 02/17/16 at 12:15 p.m. (Attachment I).

Reed Carr, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1287 and stated that he has great concerns with the Allen amendment. Mr. Carr answered questions posed by the Committee.

Aaron Huber, Attorney, representing Primavera Online High School, testified in support of SB 1287.

Maveonien Creamer, Superintendent of Primavera Online High School, testified in support of SB 1287 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Suzie DePrez, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, Mesa Public School, testified as neutral to SB 1287 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1287 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 9-page Allen amendment dated 02/17/16 at 12:15 p.m. (Attachment I) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1287 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 8).

SB 1219 – technical correction; public roadways – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Bryanna McDaniel, Education Committee Research Intern, explained the 19-line Begay strike everything amendment dated 02/12/16 at 2:44 p.m. (Attachment J). Ms. McDaniel answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1219 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Begay moved the 19-line Begay strike everything amendment dated 02/12/16 at 2:44 p.m. (Attachment J) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1219 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 9).

Senator Pancrazi explained her vote.

SB 1220 – game and fish; technical correction – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Catcher Baden, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained the 2-page Begay strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:59 p.m. (Attachment K).

Mike Bielecki, Navajo Nation, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Senator Yee moved SB 1220 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 2-page Begay strike everything amendment dated 02/16/16 at 1:59 p.m. (Attachment K) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1220 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 10).

SB 1376 – school districts; consolidation; letter grades – DO PASS AMENDED

Bryanna McDaniel, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1376 and the 2-line Smith amendment dated 02/17/16 at 2:15 p.m. (Attachment L).

Ed Sanchez, Stand for Children, testified in support of SB 1376.

Senator Yee moved SB 1376 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 2-line Smith amendment dated 02/17/16 at 2:15 p.m. (Attachment L) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1376 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 11).

Senator Pancrazi explained her vote.

SB 1451 – office of Indian education; assistance – DO PASS

Bryanna McDaniel, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1451.

Senator Yee moved SB 1451 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 12).

SCM 1017 – Diné college act; urging Congress – DO PASS

Bryanna McDaniel, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SCM 1017.

Senator Yee moved SCM 1017 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 13).

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the bills (Attachment M).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)