

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

52ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: February 12, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

ROOM: SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Kelli Ward

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Senator Kimberly Yee

ANALYST: Matthew Simon

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Allen	X			SB 1244	DP
Senator Begay	X			SB 1305	DPA
Senator Bradley	X			SB 1306	DP
Senator Dial	X			SB 1332	DP
Senator Smith	X			SB 1405	DP
Senator Yee, Vice-Chairman	X			SB 1406	DPA
Senator Ward, Chairman	X			SB 1434	DPA
				SB 1458	DP
				SB 1463	DP

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ward stated that without objection, the minutes of February 5, 2015 were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1305 – continuous improvement academic standards committee – DO PASS AMENDED

Brandi Peplinski, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1305 and the 15-line Ward amendment dated 02/11/15 at 4:20 p.m. (Attachment A).

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support of SB 1305.

Senator Yee moved SB 1305 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 15-line Ward amendment dated 02/11/15 at 4:20 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1305 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-1-1 (Attachment 1).

SB 1306 – schools; data privacy – DO PASS

Brandi Peplinski, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1306 and the 4-line Dial amendment dated 02/11/15 at 3:11 p.m. (Attachment B).

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support of SB 1306 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Michael Gardner, Microsoft Corporation, testified in support of SB 1306 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dial stated he would withdraw his 4-line Dial amendment dated 02/11/15 at 3:11 p.m. (Attachment B).

Senator Yee moved SB 1306 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 2).

Senators Bradley, Dial and Yee explained their votes.

SB 1434 – empowerment scholarship accounts; open enrollment – DO PASS AMENDED

Andrew Almodova, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1434 and the 3-line Ward amendment dated 02/11/15 at 1:50 p.m. (Attachment C).

Senator Lesko, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1434 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jennifer Loreda, Arizona Education Association, testified in opposition to SB 1434.

Mark Barnes, Arizona School Administration Association, testified in opposition to SB 1434.

Sara Mae Williams, representing herself, testified in opposition to SB 1434.

Sydney Hay, American Federation for Children, testified in support of SB 1434 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1434 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 3-line Ward amendment dated 02/11/15 at 1:50 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1434 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 3).

Senators Begay, Bradley, Smith and Allen explained their votes.

SB 1332 – empowerment scholarship accounts; reservation residences – DO PASS

Andrew Almodova, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1332.

Isabel Lemus, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1332.

Gabriela Ascencio representing herself, testified in support of SB 1332.

Janice Palmer, Arizona School Boards Association, testified in opposition to SB 1332 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support to SB 1332 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Sara Mae Williams, representing herself, testified in opposition to SB 1332 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Sydney Hay, American Federation for Children, distributed and explained a handout of a letter from the President of Christian Schools of Arizona, a letter from the Regional Director of the Association of Christian Schools International and a letter from the President of Arizona Lutheran Academy (Attachment D). Ms. Hay testified in support of SB 1332 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1332 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 4).

Senators Begay, Bradley and Smith explained their votes.

SB 1406 – schools; audit findings; financial penalty – DO PASS AMENDED

Andrew Almodova, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1406 and the 6-line Yee amendment dated 02/11/15 at 1:28 p.m. (Attachment E).

Laura Miller, Auditor, Attorney General's Office, representing herself, testified as neutral to SB 1406 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Charles Essigs, Director, Government Relations, Arizona Association of School Business Officials, testified in opposition to SB 1406 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1406 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Yee moved the 6-line Yee amendment dated 02/11/15 at 1:28 p.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Yee moved SB 1406 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 5).

Senator Yee explained her vote.

SB 1244 – competency-based innovation pilot programs – DO PASS

Matthew Simon, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1244.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified as neutral to SB 1244 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Karla Phillips, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1244 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Yee moved SB 1244 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 6).

Senator Ward explained her vote.

SB 1405 – schools; financial education; course requirements – DO PASS

Andrew Almodova, Education Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1405.

Sharon Lechter, representing herself, distributed and explained a handout entitled "Pay Your Family First" (Attachment F). Ms. Lechter testified in support of SB 1405 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

William Kauper, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1405.

Jennifer Loreda, Arizona Education Association, testified in opposition to SB 1405.

Nick Lowery, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1405.

Angela Totman, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1405.

**Senator Yee moved SB 1405 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 7).**

Senator Allen and Senator Bradley explained their votes.

RECESS

At 10:26 a.m. the Committee was recessed until 11:35 a.m.

RECONVENE

At 11:35 a.m. the Committee was reconvened.

SB 1458 – schools; academic standards; tests – DO PASS

Matthew Simon, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1458.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified as neutral to SB 1458 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Yee moved SB 1458 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 8).**

SB 1463 – schools; course providers; accounts; funding – DO PASS

Matthew Simon, Education Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1463.

Jonathan Butcher, representing himself, testified in support of SB 1463.

Stacey Morley, Educational Options Foundation, testified in opposition to SB 1463 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department of Education, testified as neutral to SB 1463.

**Senator Yee moved SB 1463 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 9).**

Senator Allen and Senator Ward explained their votes.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 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>)