



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Primary and Secondary Education
CHAIRPERSON: Gayle Manning
DATE: June 4, 2024
TIME: 3:00 PM
ROOM: Room 121

Chair Manning called the meeting of the House Primary & Secondary Education Committee to order at 3:03pm on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 in Statehouse Room 121.

The clerk called the roll, a quorum was present, and the committee proceeded as a full committee.

Without objection, the minutes from the May 21st, 2024 meeting were approved. Chair Manning called forward Sub S. B. No. 29 for its second hearing. Gary Daniels, Chief Lobbyist, ACLU of Ohio, was present and gave sponsor testimony. Mr. Daniels answered questions from the committee.

Representative Fowler-Arthur moved to amend Sub. S.B. No. 29 with Amendment 135-2157. Amendment 135-2157 passed without objection.

Chair Manning called forward H.B No. 440 for its second hearing.

Representative Fowler-Arthur moved to adopt H.B No. 440 with Sub. H.B. 440 (135-2176-1). Sub H.B. 440 passed without objection.

Linnea Smith, President of North Coast Tutoring Services, was present and gave proponent testimony. There were no questions for the committee.

Carole Richards, Chairman and Founder of North Coast Tutoring Services, was present and gave proponent testimony. Mrs. Richards answered questions from the committee.

Melanie Elsey, Legislative Liaison, Christian Home Educators of Ohio, was present and gave proponent testimony. Mrs. Elsey answered questions from the committee.

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Chair Manning called forward H.B. No. 445 for its second hearing.

Matt Krause, Attorney with First Liberty, was present and gave proponent testimony. Mr. Krause answered questions from the committee.

Joel Penton, Founder and CEO of LifeWise Academy, was present and gave proponent testimony. Mr. Penton answered questions from the committee.

Cindy and Caleb Reed, were present and gave proponent testimony. Mrs. Reed answered questions from the committee.

Chair Manning called forward H.B. 408 for its first hearing.

Representative Ismail Mohamed and Representative Darnell T. Brewer were present and gave sponsor and co-sponsor testimony. The Representatives answered questions from the committee.

Chair Manning called forward H.B. 407 for its third hearing.

Troy McIntosh, Executive Director of Ohio Christian Education Network, was present and gave opponent testimony. Mr. McIntosh answered questions from the committee.

Valerie Jones, Superintendent of Ross County Christian Academy, was present and gave opponent testimony. There were no questions from the committee.

Chair Manning called forward H.B. No. 468

Representative Klopfenstein (co-sponsor) and Representative Brennan were present and gave sponsor and co-sponsor testimony. The Representatives answered questions from the committee.

With no further business before the committee, Chair Manning adjourned the House Primary & Secondary Education Committee at 6:29pm.

Gayle Manning, Chair

Committee Secretary

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