

House Education Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Bennett, Chair of the Education Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM, on February 25, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BENNETT, Peggy, Chair
MUELLER, Patricia, Vice Chair
JORDAN, Sydney, Lead
BIERMAN, Robert
DIPPEL, Tom
FALCONER, Alex
FOGELMAN, Marj
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENE, Julie
HILL, Josiah
KEELER, Heather
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

Representative Gordon moved the minutes of February 25, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Keeler and Representative Bakeberg presented information regarding student attendance, chronic absenteeism, and truancy.

The following individuals provided testimony:
Matt Shaver, Director of Public Policy, EdAllies
Jessica Webster, Legal Aid
Erin Sandmark, Solutions Not Suspensions
Ashley Hightower, Office of the Hennepin County Attorney
Angella Mansfield, Minnesota Department of Education
Megan Arriola, Minnesota Department of Education

HF62 (Keeler) References to Statutes governing student attendance provided.

Representative Keeler moved HF62 before the committee.

Representative Keeler moved the A1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Bennett laid over HF62, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

HF1030 (Keeler) Student attendance reporting required.

Representative Keeler moved HF1030 before the committee.

Chair Bennett laid over HF1030 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

HF1053 (Bakeberg) Reenrollment after student withdrawal from school encouraged, and notification and resources required for the family of unenrolled child

Representative Keeler moved HF1053 before the committee.

Chair Bennett laid over HF1053 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

HF1054 (Bakeberg) Student attendance data reporting required in school performance reports.

Representative Keeler moved HF1054 before the committee.

Chair Bennett laid over HF1054 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

HF1413 (Bakeberg) Modifying attendance reporting requirements

Representative Keeler moved HF1413 before the committee.

Chair Bennett laid over HF1413 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.


Representative Peggy Bennett, Chair


Katlynn Miller, Committee Legislative Assistant