

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Education

Assembly Bill 995

Relating to: a parental opt-out from face covering requirements in school buildings and on school grounds and requiring school boards to offer pupils a full-time, in-person option.

By Representatives Vos, Steineke, Petersen, Vorpapel, Duchow, James, Born, Knodl, Cabral-Guevara, Zimmerman, Macco, Steffen, Kitchens, Tranel, Novak, Gundrum, Tusler, Thiesfeldt, Kuglitsch, Ramthun, Brandtjen, Summerfield, Dallman, Katsma, Tittl, Dittrich, J. Rodriguez, Oldenburg, VanderMeer, Magnafici, Edming, Pronschinske, Snyder, Brooks, Schraa, Swearingen, Wittke, Moses, Callahan, Rozar, Skowronski, Sortwell, Krug, Spiros, Tauchen, Plumer, Wichgers, Murphy, Loudenbeck, Behnke and Neylon; cosponsored by Senators Kapenga, Jacque, Jagler, Stafsholt, Stroebel, Testin, LeMahieu and Bernier.

February 15, 2022 Referred to Committee on Education

February 16, 2022 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (14) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Wichgers, Mursau, Duchow, Rozar, Behnke, Pope, Hebl, Considine, Vruwink and L. Myers.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Penterman.

Appearances For

- Speaker Vos

Appearances Against

- Bryn Horton - Sun Prairie School Board

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Senator Kapenga
- Julaine Appling - WI Family Action
- Chris Reader - IRG Action Fund

Registrations Against

- Dee Pettack - DPI
- Dan Rossmiller - WI Association of School Boards

- John Forester - School Administrators Alliance

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

February 17, 2022

Executive Session Held

Present: (13) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Wichgers, Mursau, Rozar, Behnke, Pope, Hebl, Considine, Vruwink and L. Myers.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (2) Representatives Duchow and Penterman.

Moved by Representative Rozar, seconded by Representative Wichgers that **Assembly Bill 995** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (8) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Wichgers, Mursau, Rozar and Behnke.

Noes: (5) Representatives Pope, Hebl, Considine, Vruwink and L. Myers.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 5

Katie Scott
Committee Clerk