

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Education Reform

Assembly Bill 836

Relating to: the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Jensen, Nischke, Ladwig, Krawczyk, Hundertmark, Honadel, Ainsworth, Owens, Nass, Stone, Jeskewitz and McCormick; cosponsored by Senators Plale, Darling, Stepp, Kanavas, Welch and Leibham.

February 11, 2004 Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

February 26, 2004 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (12) Representatives Jensen, Vukmir, Nass, Olsen, McCormick, Towns, J. Wood, Nischke, Cullen, Sherman, Sinicki and J. Lehman.

Absent: (1) Representative A. Williams.

Appearances For

- Senator Jeff Plale, 7th Senate District
- Representative Scott Jensen, 98th Assembly District, Brookfield
- Rev. John McVicker, Sr., King's Academy, Milwaukee
- Rev. Archie Ivy, New Hope Baptist Church, Milwaukee
- Dr. Annie Oliver, BAEO, Milwaukee
- Dr. Howard Fuller, Alliance for Choices in Education, Milwaukee
- Atty. Julie Buchanan, American Education Reform Council, Milwaukee

Appearances Against

- Senator Gwendolynne Moore, 4th Senate District, Milwaukee
- Bob Anderson, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, Madison
- Wendel Hruska, Project RETURN, Milwaukee
- Rev. Sue Moline-Larson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy, Machesno

Appearances for Information Only

- John Huebscher, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Madison
- Judd Schemmel, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, Madison

- Tony Evers, Department of Public Instruction, Madison
- Tricia Collings, Department of Public Instruction, Madison

Registrations For

- Senator Alberta Darling
- State Senator Bob Welch, 14th Senate District
- State Senator Ted Kanavas
- Senator Cathy Stepp, 21st Senate District, Sturtevant
- John Forester, School Administrators Alliance, Madison
- Joelle Lester, Wisconsin Assoc. of School Boards, Madison

Registrations Against

- Representative Christine Sinicki, 20th Assembly District, Milwaukee
- Joanne Ricca, Wis. State AFL-CIO, Milwaukee
- Mary Steppe, Project RETURN, Milwaukee
- Woodley Teri, Project RETURN, Milwaukee
- Steve Porter, State Bar of Wisconsin, Madison

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EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (12) Representatives Jensen, Vukmir, Nass, Olsen, McCormick, Towns, J. Wood, Nischke, Cullen, Sherman, Sinicki and J. Lehman.

Absent: (1) Representative A. Williams.

Moved by Representative Vukmir, seconded by Representative J. Wood that **Assembly Bill 836** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (12) Representatives Jensen, Vukmir, Nass, Olsen, McCormick, Towns, J. Wood, Nischke, Cullen, Sherman, Sinicki and J. Lehman.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Representative A. Williams.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 12, Noes 0

Steve Knudson
Committee Clerk