

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Colleges and Universities

Assembly Bill 444

Relating to: free expression within the University of Wisconsin System, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Horlacher, Vos, Murphy, Allen, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Gundrum, James, Katsma, Kitchens, Knodl, Krug, Kuglitsch, Kulp, Macco, Magnafici, Quinn, Ramthun, Rohrkaste, Skowronski, Sortwell, Steffen, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Kapenga, Stroebel, Bernier, Craig and Olsen.

September 13, 2019 Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities

December 12, 2019 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (10) Representative Murphy; Representatives Tranel, Ballweg, Wittke, Krug, Shankland, Stubbs, Emerson, Hesselbein and Anderson.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (6) Representatives Duchow, Summerfield, Stafsholt, Quinn, Petryk and Billings.

Appearances For

- Rep. Cody Horlacher - author
- Sen. Chris Kapenga - author
- Tim Higgins
- Polly Olsen
- Timothy Dake - WI Grandsons of Liberty
- Joe Cohn - Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)

Appearances Against

- Kathleen Propp - League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Victor Forberger - State Bar of WI-Civil Rights and Liberties Section

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- Lynne Davis - State Bar of WI-Civil Rights and Liberties Section

Registrations for Information Only

- President Ray Cross - UW System

January 23, 2020

Executive Session Held

Present: (16) Representative Murphy; Representatives Tranel, Duchow, Ballweg, Wittke, Summerfield, Stafsholt, Krug, Quinn, Petryk, Shankland, Billings, Stubbs, Emerson, Hesselbein and Anderson.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Wittke, seconded by Representative Quinn that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (10) Representative Murphy; Representatives Tranel, Duchow, Ballweg, Wittke, Summerfield, Stafsholt, Krug, Quinn and Petryk.

Noes: (6) Representatives Shankland, Billings, Stubbs, Emerson, Hesselbein and Anderson.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 6

Moved by Representative Quinn, seconded by Representative Stafsholt that **Assembly Bill 444** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (8) Representative Murphy; Representatives Tranel, Ballweg, Summerfield, Stafsholt, Krug, Quinn and Petryk.

Noes: (6) Representatives Shankland, Billings, Stubbs, Emerson, Hesselbein and Anderson.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 6

Diane Handrick
Committee Clerk