

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Education

Assembly Bill 446

Relating to: reading readiness assessments and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Kitchens, Thiesfeldt, Allen, Armstrong, Brandtjen, Cabral-Guevara, Dittrich, James, Knodl, Mursau, Rozar, Schraa, Snyder, Tusler and Wichgers; cosponsored by Senators Bernier, Darling, Felzkowski, Jacque and Wanggaard.

July 12, 2021 Referred to Committee on Education

September 14, 2021 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (12) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Mursau, Duchow, Rozar, Behnke, Penterman, Pope, Hebl and Considine.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (3) Representatives Wichgers, Vruwink and L. Myers.

Appearances For

- Rep. Kitchens
- Sen. Bernier
- Laura Stewart - National Director - the Reading League
- Dr. Kymyona Burk - The Foundation for Excellence in Education
- Kelly Butler - CEO, Barksdale Reading Institute
- Peng Herr
- Robert Meyer - Ventris Learning
- Donna Hejtmanek - IDA WI
- Katie Kasubaski - Decoding Dyslexia WI
- Kari Baumann
- Mark Seidenberg - UW Madison Professor
- Misty Powers
- Susan Garcia Franz
- Mary Newton - WI Reading Coalition
- Nichole McLaughlin
- Andrea Hedquist
- Kimber Liedl
- John Humphries

Appearances Against

- Ben Niehaus - WASB
- Deborah Cromer - WSRA
- Debra Zarling - WSRA

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Kathy Kline
- Rep. Tusler
- Andrew Davis - MMAC
- Chad Hedquist
- Jim Bender - Institute for Reforming Government

Registrations Against

- Tom Lueschow
- John Forester - School Administrators Alliance
- Tom Fonfara - Pearson
- Dee Pettack - DPI

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

October 21, 2021

Executive Session Held

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

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Rozar.

Moved by Representative Wichgers, seconded by Representative Kitchens that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (10) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Wichgers, Mursau, Duchow, Behnke, Penterman and L. Myers.

Noes: (4) Representatives Pope, Hebl, Considine and Vruwink.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 10, Noes 4

Moved by that **Assembly Bill 446** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (10) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Wichgers, Mursau, Duchow, Behnke, Penterman and L. Myers.

Noes: (4) Representatives Pope, Hebl, Considine and Vruwink.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 4

Katie Scott
Committee Clerk