

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Education

Assembly Bill 971

Relating to: promotion of pupils from the third grade to the fourth grade based on passage of the standardized reading test; reading readiness assessments in public schools; grants to increase licensure of reading teachers; sunsetting the Achievement Gap Reduction program; programs to identify and address pupils with dyslexia; parental opt-out of pupils in grades kindergarten to three from statewide examinations; and making an appropriation.

By Representative Wittke.

February 08, 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

- Rep. Wittke
- Senator Darling

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Chris Reader - IRG Action Fund
- Justin Moralez - American Federation for Children

Registrations Against

- Bryn Horton - Sun Prairie School Board
- Patrick Hintz - South Milwaukee School Board
- Jenni Hofschultz
- Ryanne Deschane
- Jack O'Meara - WEAC
- Kathy Champeau - WI State Reading Association

- Dee Pettack - DPI
- Dan Rossmiller - WI Association of School Boards
- John Forester - School Administrators Alliance
- Barbara Sella - WI Catholic Conference
- Sharon Schmeling - WI Council of Religious & Independent Schools
- Heather DuBois Bourenare
- Todd Price
- Heather Birk

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 Behnke, seconded by Representative Wittke that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (9) Representative Thiesfeldt; Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Ramthun, Wichgers, Mursau, Rozar, Behnke and L. Myers.

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

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 9, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Wichgers, seconded by Representative Ramthun that **Assembly Bill 971** be recommended for passage as amended.

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

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

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 5

Katie Scott
Committee Clerk