

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on State Affairs

Assembly Bill 321

Relating to: reading instruction in public schools and private schools participating in parental choice programs, an early literacy assessment and intervention program, providing an exemption from rule-making procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

By Representatives Kitchens, Wittke, Binsfeld, Nedweski, Duchow, Dittrich, Allen, Armstrong, Behnke, Brandtjen, Donovan, Green, Gundrum, Gustafson, Hurd, Krug, Magnafici, Maxey, Michalski, Murphy, O'Connor, Penterman, Rettinger, Rodriguez, Rozar, Schmidt, Snyder, Spiros, Steffen, Summerfield and Tusler; cosponsored by Senators Stroebel, Jagler, Bradley, Wimberger and Marklein.

June 12, 2023 Referred to Committee on State Affairs

June 13, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (14) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Schraa, Brooks, Spiros, Moses, Callahan, Gustafson, Sinicki, Ohnstad, Cabrera, Baldeh and Hong.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Rep. Joel Kitchens - 1st Assembly District
- Rep. Robert Wittke - 62nd Assembly District
- Rep. Amy Binsfeld - 27th Assembly District
- Rep. LaKeisha Myers - 12nd Assembly District
- Joe Garza - New Berlin School District
- Brody Reinke - New Berlin School District
- Ken Kwiatkowski - New Berlin School District
- Mary Newton - The Reading League WI
- Judith Fitzgerald
- Gurdip Brar
- Joan Duerst
- Tracy Frank
- Talib Akbar - MOSES
- John Humphries
- Jackie Weissenburger - Wisconsin Reads

Appearances Against

- Rep. Kristina Shelton - 90th Assembly District
- Denise Hatchnison
- Sandy Whisler
- Ryanne Deschane - WSRA
- Jack Hoogendyk - WI Family Action
- Holly Prast - Kimberly School District
- Kathryn Champeau - WI State Reading Assn.
- Deborah Cromer - WSRA

Appearances for Information Only

- John Johnson - Department of Public Instruction
- Tony MCarthy - Department of Public Instruction
- Dan Rossmiller - WI Assn. of School Boards

Registrations For

- Sen. Duey Stroebel - 20th Senate District
- Morgan James
- Evan Eagleson - Excel in ED in Action

Registrations Against

- Rep, Dave Considine - 81st Assembly District
- Kevin Gundlach - South Central Fed. of Labor
- Colleen Robson
- Justin Miller
- Claire Fallon
- Nicole Etter - Support Our Schools Wauwatosa
- Sharon Schmeling - WI Council of Religious & Independent Schools
- Kim Kohlhaas - AFT WI
- Peggy Wirtz-Olsen - WEAC
- Bryn Horton - Sun Prairie Area School District
- Michael Jones - MTI

Registrations for Information Only

- Kevyn Radcliffe - Department of Public Instruction
- Kyle Koenen - WI Insitute for Law & Liberty
- Rachel VerVelde - WMC
- Khenzer Senat - MMAC
- Andrew Davis - MMAC
- Chris Reader - IRG Action Fund
- Jim Bender - WI Independent Charter School Advocates

June 15, 2023

Executive Session Held

Present: (14) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Schraa, Brooks, Spiros, Moses, Callahan, Gustafson, Sinicki, Ohnstad, Cabrera, Baldeh and Hong.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

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

Ayes: (9) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Schraa, Brooks, Spiros, Moses, Callahan and Gustafson.

Noes: (5) Representatives Sinicki, Ohnstad, Cabrera, Baldeh and Hong.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 5

Moved by Representative Brooks, seconded by Representative Summerfield that **Assembly Bill 321** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (9) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Schraa, Brooks, Spiros, Moses, Callahan and Gustafson.

Noes: (5) Representatives Sinicki, Ohnstad, Cabrera, Baldeh and Hong.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 5

Taylor Corkran
Committee Clerk