

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Education**

##### **Senate Bill 973**

Relating to: requiring the community approach to four-year-old kindergarten.

By Senator Quinn; cosponsored by Representatives Goeben, Armstrong, Behnke, Born, Dittrich, Hong, Hurd, S. Johnson, Murphy, O'Connor and Summerfield.

January 30, 2024      Referred to Committee on Education

February 06, 2024      **Public Hearing Held**

Present:      (7)      Senator Jagler; Senators Quinn, Nass, Stroebel,  
Cabral-Guevara, Larson and Agard.

Absent:      (0)      None.

Excused:      (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Renae Henning - Community Care Preschool and Child Care
- Director Tricia Peterson - Myself group center
- Joan Beck - Willows Christian child care
- Administrator Linda Kudrna - Learning ladder preschool and childcare
- Corrine Hendrickson - Corrine's Little Explorers
- Rep Joy Goeben
- Paula Drew - Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
- Rep Karen Hurd
- Brooke Legler - Myself
- Sen. Romaine Quinn

##### Appearances Against

- Dr. Bryan Davis - Oshkosh Area School District
- Executive Director Sue Doyle - CESA 1
- Tom McCarthy - DPI

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Deputy Secretary Jeff Pertl - DCF with Priya Bhatia

##### Registrations For

- Kathi Kilgore - Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association

Registrations Against

- Executive Director, SWSA Faith VanderHorst - Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance
- Faith VanderHorst - SWSA
- Agency administrator Al Betry - Cesar 9
- Elizabeth Knudten - Spasd
- Chris Kulow - WASB
- WiRSA Executive Director Jeff Eide - Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance
- Rebecca Penticoff
- Director of early learning Culleen Witthuhn - Madison school district
- Executive Director Bob Baxter - Wisconsin Education Association Council WEAC
- Kathy Champea - Wisconsin State Reading Association

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 11, 2024

**Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1**

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Charlie Bellin  
Committee Clerk