

MINUTES  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 01, 2012
- TIME:** **Chairman Goedde** called the meeting to order at 3:12 P.M. and asked the secretary to take a silent roll.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Andreason, Pearce, Fulcher, Toryanski, and Malepeai
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senators Winder and LeFavour
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies, and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- MINUTES:** Chairman Goedde invited Senator Bock to the podium to present S1269.
- S1269:** **Senator Bock** stated that he was here to readdress some old business that was presented in the 2011 session. This bill is a clarification of code 33-5202a, the interpretation to the term "founder." This language is vague and can be a source of abuse. At this time it should be fixed so as to avoid problems in the future.
- Senator Bock** referred to the Attorney General's letter and stated their opinion. The Attorney General's letter stated that the founding of a school is a one time event and the establishment only occurs once, therefore, charter schools should not have the ability to keep adding founders. This bill allows for some flexibility in the law as the charter school has 180 days from the day classes begin to designate the founders.
- Chairman Goedde** asked if there were questions from the committee.
- Senator Fulcher** stated that he remembered when it came around the last time and he had some concerns. He then reiterated a specific scenario: If a charter school has been in existence for five years or longer and in that year a donor comes forth willing to donate a large amount of money, can the charter school then add that person as a founder?
- Senator Bock** said no.
- Chairman Goedde** asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak to this bill. No one responded. **Chairman Goedde** asked **Ms. Baysinger** from Public Schools Charter Commission, if the charter schools had an opinion and she stated that they did not.
- MOTION:** Having no more questions, **Chairman Goedde** called for the motion. **Senator Malepeai** moved, seconded by **Senator Andreason** that bill **S1269** be sent to the floor with a do pass recommendation. There was discussion from **Chairman Goedde** to **Senator Fulcher's** scenario stating that he was sensitive to his concerns. The motion carried by **voice-vote**. Senator Les Bock will carry to the floor.
- ADJOURN:** **Chairman Goedde** adjourned the meeting at 3:24 P.M.

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Senator Goedde  
Chairman

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Secretary