

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 30, 2025

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Pickett, Vice Chairman Hawkins, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Harris, Marmon, Tanner(13), Mathias, Church

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Pickett** called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

**H 43:** **Rep. Mathias** presented **H 43**, legislation regarding public schools, safe environment. He spoke about protecting students, background checks, filed grievances, public interest and confidentiality. He said it is important to have properly trained board members and educators so sensitive information is not put in the wrong hands.

In response to committee members comments, **Rep. Mathias** explained updated guidelines and agency support.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **H 43** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 43** in committee.

Committee members expressed an interest in hearing from agency representatives and **Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, regarding this bill.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Garner** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD H 43** in committee at the call of the chair.

**Rep. Mathias** closed saying this bill is about protecting children and will not harm the public. **H 43** is about keeping sensitive information out of the wrong hands.

**Chairman Pickett** put the meeting at ease for two minutes to clarify motion rules.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 7 AYE and 6 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Harris, Marmon, and Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Pickett, Clow, Nelsen, Sauter, Mathias, and Church. Rep. Hawkins** was absent/excused.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

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Representative Pickett  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary