

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

January 25, 2001 Hearing Room B  
3:00 p.m. Tapes 10 - 11

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Charles Starr, Chair  
Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Ryan Deckert  
Sen. Ted Ferrioli  
Sen. Bill Fisher  
Sen. Avel Gordly

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Sen. Tom Hartung

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jan McComb, Committee Administrator  
Jennifer Simmons, Committee Assistant

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** SB 253  
SB 264  
Informational meeting - Special Education Workgroup

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 10, A</b>		
<u>003</u>	<u>Chair Starr</u>	<u>Opens meeting at 3:06 p.m.</u>
<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING – SB 253</u></b>		
027	Jan McComb	Administrator. Gives brief overview of the bill.
033	Steve Johnson	Associate Superintendent, Office of Special Education, Department of Education. Testifies in favor of the bill. States that the bill does not need to go to Ways and Means.
053	Chair Starr	States that this bill seems to reduce paperwork. Says that it does not change practice.
060	Sen. Fisher	Asks if this will result in savings of \$50,000 per biennium.
064	Johnson	Answers no.
070	Sen. Fisher	Agrees that the bill does not need to go to Ways and Means.
<b><u>WORK SESSION – SB 253</u></b>		
<u>081</u>	<u>Sen. Deckert</u>	<b><u>MOTION: Moves SB 253 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and the subsequent referral to Ways and Means be rescinded.</u></b>
<u>086</u>	-	<b><u>VOTE: 5-0</u></b>
-	<u>Chair</u>	<b><u>EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Hartung</u></b>
-	-	<b><u>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</u></b>
-	-	<b><u>SEN. CASTILLO will lead discussion on the floor.</u></b>
<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING – SB 264</u></b>		
098	Steve Johnson	Associate Superintendent, Office of Special Education, Department of Education. Testifies in favor of the bill.
119	Sen. Gordly	Asks what would happen if the bill were not approved.
122	Johnson	Answers that funds would go to local school districts and they do not have to give funds to the regional program.

139	Sen. Deckert	Asks for clarification on the process the funds go through.
146	Johnson	Answers by stating the steps that the funds go through.
150	Sen. Deckert	Asks if all money goes to local school districts.
153	Johnson	Answers that 92 percent goes to local school districts.
160	Chair Starr	Asks what handicaps this would apply to.
165	Johnson	Answers by listing examples.
172	Chair Starr	Asks if School for the Blind and School for the Deaf receive any of these funds.
173	Johnson	Answers that they receive a certain portion.

**WORK SESSION – SB 264**

**187 Sen. Castillo**

**MOTION: Moves SB 264 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and the subsequent referral to Ways and Means be rescinded.**

**091**

**Chair**

**VOTE: 5-0  
EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Hartung  
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.  
SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor.**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING – SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKGROUP**

217	Sen. George	Gives overview of workgroup. Introduces the chair of the workgroup.
234	Sara Gelser	Names other members of workgroup. Highlights key points of report.
<b>TAPE 11, A</b>		
002	Sen. Gordly	Asks if Quality Education Model is sufficient funding for special education.
006	Gelser	Answers no. Continues presentation.
080	Deckert	Asks for an example of a school official being out of compliance with IDEA.
083	Gelser	Answers that IEP's not being adhered to is an example.
103	Sen. Deckert	Asks for an example of a swift and significant consequence for not being in compliance.
108	Gelser	Answers by giving an example. Continues presentation.
207	Sen. Fisher	Asks why the visitation policy does not allow revisions.
213	Gelser	Answers that this is a policy that needs to be the same statewide. Speaks about schools needing to be open to parents.
229	Sen. Fisher	States that local differences in policy should be addressed.
242	Gelser	Reiterates the need for the policy to be the same statewide. Continues with presentation.
427	Sen. Gordly	Thanks witness. Asks if these recommendations concur with a bill proposed by Speaker Simmons.
446	Gelser	Answers that in her personal opinion the bill does not do what needs to be done.
520	Chair Starr	Adjourns meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Jennifer Simmons,

Jan McComb,

Committee Assistant

Committee Administrator

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**- NO EXHIBITS FOR THIS MEETING**