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Summary

It was another rather **quiet week at the Capitol with the Legislature largely at a standstill**. Minimal voting took place and committee schedules continue to be sporadic. However, **both the House and Senate Education Committees met this week**, and a summary of those meetings can be found below.

Education Committee Round-Up

The House Education Committee, chaired by Rep. Koleszar (D), again took up [Senate Bill 518](#), introduced by Sen. Camilleri (D). **The bill modifies the interim special education teaching certification** to allow current educators to teach special education as they work to receive their special education certificate and extends the sunset an additional three years to July 2027.

The **legislation was passed unanimously through the House Education Committee** and now awaits action on the House floor. The Senate unanimously supported the bill in the fall. In a typical legislative year, this bill would likely be sent to the floor quickly, but **given the state of uncertainty in the House, we'll have to wait and see if there's movement.**

The Senate Education Committee, chaired by Sen. Polehanki (D), held another hearing this week on [SB 567](#), introduced by Sen. Irwin (D) – **legislation to create a framework and assessment system to identify characteristics dyslexia in students.** The second bill in the package, [SB 568](#), introduced by Sen. Polehanki (D), **modifies the responsibilities and training requirements of literacy coaches in schools** to reflect the changes made in SB 567.

Dr. Nick Ceglarek, Northwest Education Services and Scott Koziol, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD testified before the Committee to share concerns that the proposed policy changes would be overly prescriptive for ISD's when implementing the bill. Additionally, Dr. John Severson and Dr. Michael Yocum with MAISA testified in opposition and reiterated the serious challenges the bill, as written, would create for educators

This bill package looks to be the most high-profile piece of education-related legislation the Legislature will work on this spring, and we'll continue to keep you updated as it moves through the process.

Universal Pre-K Hearing

The House Labor, Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on Gov. Whitmer's universal Pre-K proposal. MiLEAP Director, Michelle Richard, **fielded questions** from Committee members **on how increased funding for childcare would interact with profit margins for day care centers.** Although the answer isn't immediately apparent, Richard emphasized **work on the proposal is ongoing.**

This Week's Introduced Bills

[HB 5450 \(MacDonell\)](#) Requires MDHHS to develop and provide information regarding the safe storage of firearms.

[HB 5451 \(Brixie\)](#) Requires districts to provide parents and guardians with information regarding the safe storage of firearms.