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**House Education Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**3.27.24**

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Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members present:

Rep. Williams, Chair  
Rep. Moore, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Chukwuocha  
Rep. Lynn  
Rep. Morrison  
Rep. Osienski  
Rep. Phillips  
Rep. Romer  
Rep. Collins  
Rep. Jones-Giltner  
Rep. Hensley  
Rep. Hilovsky  
Rep. Shupe  
Rep. Smith

Chair Williams introduced **HB 332, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER ACADEMIES**. *Time Stamp: 3:06*

Chair Williams, sponsor of the bill, explained that local educational agencies (LEAs) have implemented teacher academy pathway programs, which this bill would codify to help address Delaware's educator shortage. It would allow the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) to develop clear guidelines for LEAs for the program. Additionally, the DDOE would annually report on each teacher academy, including the number of participants in the program and the number of those who successfully transition to a program or institution of higher learning. Chair Williams also recognized a constituent and high school student who took part in the program.

Mike Trego, the Supervisor of College and Career Readiness at the Appoquinimink School District, the first school district to pilot the teacher academy pathway program, provided a course

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catalog as a reference to demonstrate the pathway program. Their district's pathway program begins in middle school, allowing them to work with elementary school students and students with disabilities. The program continues at the high school level and attempts to retain graduates in the Appoquinimink School District.

Vice-Chair Moore voiced support for the bill.

Rep. Hilovsky asked if there were metrics to measure the success of this program.

Dr. Michael Saylor, Director of Educator Excellence at the Delaware Department of Education, explained that DDOE recently reorganized to create a workforce support team. As a part of that, there are five data analysts who help improve efforts to track the number of students in the program and if they successfully transition to a program or institution of higher learning. This will allow them to improve the program over time.

Rep. Hilovsky asked why the University of Delaware is not involved in the college credit process in the catalog provided.

Chair Williams explained that the exclusion of the University of Delaware is unique to the Appoquinimink School District.

Mike Trego explained that for the Appoquinimink School District, Wilmington University has allowed their district's students to receive more college credits than the University of Delaware. However, they are open to considering UD in the future.

Chair Williams opened the floor for public comment.

Members of the public who voiced support of the bill included Dr. Rob Rescigno (constituent), Stephanie Ingram (President of the Delaware State Education Association), Amelia Hodges (Associate Executive Director for the Delaware Association of School Administrators), Lydia Poore (constituent), and Robert Overmiller (constituent).

A motion was made by Rep. Hensley and seconded by Vice-Chair Moore to release HB 332 from committee; motion carried. Yes = 14 (Chukwuocha, Collins, Jones-Giltner, Hensley, Hilovsky, Lynn, Moore, Morrison, Osienski, Phillips, Romer, Shupe, Smith, Williams); No = 0; Not Voting = 0; Absent = 2 (Neal, Selby). The bill was released from committee with a F=0, M=14, U=0 vote.

Chair Williams introduced **HB 331, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS**. *Time Stamp: 3:23*

Chair Williams, sponsor of the bill, explained that this is a companion bill to HB 332 that creates scholarships for students who have completed a Delaware teacher academy pathway program and transition to a program or institution of higher learning. This will help recruit and retain

teachers in Delaware. The bill has a fiscal note and will be assigned to the Appropriations Committee.

Chair Williams opened the floor for public comment.

Members of the public who voiced support of the bill included Dr. Rob Rescigno (constituent), Stephanie Ingram (President of the Delaware State Education Association), Dr. Tammy Croce (Executive Director for the Delaware Association of School Administrators), and Robert Overmiller (constituent).

A motion was made by Rep. Chukwuocha and seconded by Rep. Phillips to release HB 331 from committee; motion carried. Yes = 14 (Chukwuocha, Collins, Jones-Giltner, Hensley, Hilovsky, Lynn, Moore, Morrison, Osienski, Phillips, Romer, Shupe, Smith, Williams); No = 0; Not Voting = 0; Absent = 2 (Neal, Selby). The bill was released from committee with a F=1, M=13, U=0 vote.

Chair Williams introduced **HB 308, AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.** *Time Stamp: 3:30*

Chair Williams, sponsor of the bill, explained that HS 1 for HB 1, passed in 2016, required that certain employees of higher educational institutions act as mandatory reporters of sexual assaults. It also mandated trainings for staff and students, and required detailed reports to be provided by the Delaware Department of Justice (DDOJ) about sexual assaults in higher educational institutes for the General Assembly. HB 308 would provide more clarity and transparency in these reports by changing the reporting period from the calendar year to the academic year. It would also require the DDOJ to report data from the previous five years along with the current year's report to be able to compare data. Chair Williams worked with DDOJ and the University of Delaware in the creation of this bill.

Chair Williams opened the floor for public comment.

Members of the public who voiced support for the bill included Mariann Kenville Moore (Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence), Becca Cotto (YWCA Delaware), and Robert Overmiller (constituent).

A motion was made by Rep. Smith and seconded by Rep. Morrison to release HB 308 from committee; motion carried. Yes = 14 (Chukwuocha, Collins, Jones-Giltner, Hensley, Hilovsky, Lynn, Moore, Morrison, Osienski, Phillips, Romer, Shupe, Smith, Williams); No = 0; Not Voting = 0; Absent = 2 (Neal, Selby). The bill was released from committee with a F=2, M=9, U=0 vote.

Rep. Lynn asked why the bill makes the change from the calendar to academic year.

Chair Williams explained that sexual assault trainings occur during academic years, and this change therefore provides clarity in reporting.

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Hannah Rigoglioso

**Attendance List**

- Becca Cotto, YWCA Delaware
- Dr. Tammy Croce, Executive Director for the Delaware Association of School Administrators
- Amelia Hodges, Associate Executive Director for the Delaware Association of School Administrators
- Stephanie Ingram, President of the Delaware State Education Association
- Mariann Kenville Moore, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Robert Overmiller, constituent
- Lydia Poore, constituent
- Dr. Rob Rescigno, constituent
- Dr. Michael Saylor, Director of Educator Excellence at the Delaware Department of Education
- Mike Trego, Supervisor of College and Career Readiness at the Appoquinimink School District