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The Senate Standing Committee on Education met Monday morning to consider six bills. Chair Shelley Mayer, Ranker James Tedisco, and Senators Joseph Addabbo, John Brooks, Samra Brouk, Robert Jackson, John Liu, John Mannion, Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, Sean Ryan, Peter Oberacker, Daniel Stec, and Alexis Weik attended.

The following bill was reported and committed to Rules:

[SB 7619](#) (00:12:17) By Mayer, Shelley. Extends the effectiveness of provisions relating to absentee ballots for school district elections during a declared disaster emergency.

Mayer noted that this bill was meant to encourage voter participation.

Tedisco and Oberacker voted in the negative, and Stec voted without recommendation.

The following bills were reported to First Reading:

[SB 546](#) By Mayer, Shelley. Relates to student governments in secondary schools.

[SB 912](#) (00:07:52) By Mayer, Shelley. Establishes a school voter registration access program.

Jackson said that this was not a partisan bill, but rather a bill meant to get children involved in government processes. Mayer emphasized that her intention in drafting the bill was to provide civic opportunities for students.

Oberacker, Stec, Tedisco, and Weik voted in the negative.

[SB 2114](#) By Bailey, Jamaal. Authorizes and directs the commissioner of education to conduct a study on the number of children who are caregivers and how being a caregiver impacts their education.

[SB 6744](#) By Salazar, Julia. Removes the term incorrigible from certain sections of the education law.

Oberacker and Weik voted in the negative.

[SB 7666](#) (00:13:58) By Liu, John. Eliminates the requirement that a charter school applicant resubmit a charter application after agreeing to certain modifications.

Liu said that approval of charter schools should be within the purview of the Board of Regents and the State Education Department, rather than SUNY. Jackson reiterated this point and mentioned his own legislation, S.1973, which would remove SUNY from the approval process altogether. Mayer expressed support for both.

Stec voted in the negative, and Reichlin-Melnick voted without recommendation.

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