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## Senate Education

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The Senate Standing Committee on Education met Tuesday morning to discuss six bills. Chair Shelley Mayer, Ranker James Tedisco, and Senators Joseph Addabbo Jr., Iwen Chu, Simcha Felder, Daniel Stec, and Alexis Weik were present.

The following bills were reported to First Reading:

**SB 260** By Serrano, Jose M.. Directs the commissioner of education to require public schools to report on compliance with art education instruction requirements.

**SB 443** By Skoufis, James G.. Permits union free and central school district boards of education to establish wards for the purpose of school board elections in Orange County.

Stec and Weik voted in the Negative.

**SB 1160** By Skoufis, James G.. Relates to the location of the annual school district elections.

Weik voted Aye Without Recommendation.

**SB 8107** (00:02:53) By Griffo, Joseph A.. Allows students attending agricultural learning events to be counted as in attendance at school.

Chu asked if this bill includes events organized by the school. In response, Mayer said the bill's language states if students are participating in a school-sanctioned agriculture event they will receive credit.

Chu voted in the Negative.

**SB 8409** By Mayer, Shelley. Requires nonpublic schools provide and maintain on-site automatic external defibrillators on school grounds.

The following bill was reported and committed to Finance:

**SB 4129** By Mannion, John W.. Requires nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools to require their prospective employees to submit fingerprints for the purpose of criminal background checks.

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