

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 08, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Barker – Excused

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department  
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department  
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Possible bill introductions**

The Chairman asked for bill introductions.

Representative Boldra offered a bill for introduction that would establish a second school district lottery game, clarifying that the bill introduced at a previous meeting was specific to lower grade levels and her bill encompassed all grade levels. The bill was accepted without objection.

### **Discussion & possible action on: HB2457 — Amending the tax credit for low income students scholarship program act.**

The Chairman opened the meeting for discussion on **HB2457**.

Representative Kelley offered an amendment to **HB2457**. The Chairman asked Nick Myers to brief the committee on the bill and explain the amendment. Representative Kelley's amendment would change the percentage of federal poverty level used to determine qualification from 250% to 185%; it would allow for a 90% tax credit rather than a 100% tax credit; and it would insert new language in place of section (d). Discussion took place on the amendment. Richard Cram from the Department of Revenue offered information from the audience at the request of the Chairman in response to questions from committee members. ([Attachment 1](#))

*Representative Kelley moved approval of her amendment; Representative Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Discussion returned to the bill.

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Representative Sue Boldra offered an amendment to **HB2457** striking the language of the bill and providing substitute language restricting use of the program to students seeking to attend a public school outside the district in which the student resides. Discussion took place on the amendment. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

*Representative moved approval of her amendment. Representative Trimmer seconded the motion. The motion failed.*

Discussion returned to the bill.

*Representative Kelly moved and Representative Bradford seconded **HB2457** be passed out favorably as amended. Division was called on the voice vote. The motion passed on a vote by raised hand with 11 voting in favor of **HB2457** and 6 voting against the bill.*

Committee members requesting their vote in favor of **HB2457** be recorded were:

Representative Kelley  
Representative Barton  
Representative Hedke  
Representative Bradford  
Representative Lunn  
Representative Macheers

Committee members requesting their vote against **HB2457** be recorded were:

Representative Ousley  
Representative Boldra  
Representative Trimmer  
Representative Lusk  
Representative Winn

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Tuesday, February 9, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.