

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
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](#)

Chairman Highland opened the meeting and granted opportunity for committee members to introduce students seated in the audience who were shadowing them for the day.

Possible action on bills previously heard

The Chairman opened the meeting for discussion on **SB358 - Amending the nurse educator service scholarship program act.** *Representative Hedke moved and Representative Smith seconded SB358 be passed out of committee favorably. The motion passed with no discussion.*

Chairman Highland opened discussion on **Substitute for SB323 - Creating the Jason Flatt act; requiring suicide prevention training for school district personnel.** *Representative Hedke moved and Representative Bradford seconded Substitute for SB323 be passed out of committee favorably.*

Discussion took place on the bill. Representatives Trimmer and Smith commented on the efforts made by schools to avoid creating an environment where suicide can be seen as a way of gaining attention.

The Chairman moved a conceptual amendment changing the amount of required training from one hour to two hours and removing from lines 25 and 26 the clause "unless such loss or damage was caused by willful and wanton misconduct". Representative Lusk seconded the amendment. Discussion took place on the amendment. At the request of Representative Ousley, Chairman Highland recognized Scott Gordon, General Counsel for the State Board of Education, to answer questions from committee members about the removal of the clause from lines 25 and 26. Mr. Gordon supported the removal of the clause. The Chairman closed on his amendment. *The motion to amend passed.*

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Discussion returned to the bill. Representative Hedke closed on his motion. The motion to pass Substitute for **SB323** out favorably as amended passed.

Chairman Highland note the need to approve minutes for January 27 and March 2 and 3. Representative Kelley moved and Representative Bradford seconded the minutes for those dates be approved. The motion passed.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2588 — Requiring encryption of student data.

The Chairman opened the meeting for discussion on **HB2588** and indicated no vote would be taken on the bill or on amendments offered during the meeting. Instead of taking action, discussion on the bill would center around thoughts for the development of a future bill.

As an avenue for developing language for a future bill, Chairman Highland introduced balloon amendments for discussion by the committee. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) [\(Attachment 2\)](#) [\(Attachment 3\)](#)

Topics covered in discussion included:

- language that would allow needed flexibility while maintaining tight security,
- data sharing agreements,
- the need for yearly reviews due to quickly changing technology,
- cloud storage versus off-site storage, and
- obtaining parental consent.

Chairman Highland thanked the committee for their comments and acknowledged more work is needed in preparation for a future bill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.