

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley – Excused

Senator Pat Pettey – Excused

Committee staff present:

Mark Savoy, Legislative Research Department

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department

Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Justin Stowe, Legislative Division of Post Audit

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairperson Abrams asked if there were any bills to be introduced to the Committee. There were none. He then announced that the Senate Education Committee would not be meeting tomorrow, Friday, January 23, 2015.

Hearing on: SB2 — Authorizing school districts to offer multi-year contracts to teachers.

Chairperson Abrams informed Committee members there was a person who wished to testify in support of **SB2**, but he was unable to attend today's hearing. After consulting with Terry Forsyth, who was to present neutral testimony at today's meeting, the hearing was postponed until next week.

Hearing on: SB8 — Repealing school district audit teams and school district performance audit requirements.

Chairperson Abrams opened the hearing on **SB8**. Jason Long, staff revisor, reviewed the bill for the Committee.

[\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Mr. Long pointed out that this bill would eliminate statutes that dealt specifically with a 2010 Commission established to oversee educational issues from the *Montoy* case. He also advised if the bill is recommended favorably for passage, that a technical amendment be added to clean up a cross reference made in K.S.A. 46-1226.

Chairperson Abrams then asked if the Committee members had any questions for the staff revisor. There were none.

He then introduced Justin Stowe from the Legislative Division of Post Audit, who spoke in support,

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informing members that the purpose of this bill is to repeal certain outdated statutes from the Legislative Post Audit Act that are related to school district performance audits. His testimony further highlighted changes being recommended. ([Attachment 2](#))

A question was asked about the relationship between this bill and the audits recommended by the school efficiency task force. Mr. Long responded that the bills are totally unrelated and deal with different types of audits.

Chairperson Abrams asked if there were additional proponents, opponents or persons who wished to present neutral testimony. There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB8** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be Monday, January 26, 2015 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.