

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 19, 2015, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

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:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Possible action on bills previously heard SB188 — Publication requirements under the Kansas uniform financial accounting and reporting act.**

Chairperson Abrams called for discussion and final action on **SB188**. Jason Long, staff revisor, distributed balloon amendments for review. The first balloon, as explained by Chairperson Abrams, addresses the issue of districts with fewer than ten employees. ([Attachment 1](#))

*Chairperson Abrams moved, Senator Arpke seconded, to approve balloon amendment, labeled #1. Motion carried.*

The second amendment brought forth by Chairperson Abrams would provide an actual date of November 1 for information to be placed on district websites.

*Chairperson Abrams moved, Senator Melcher seconded, to approve the second Abrams amendment. Motion carried.*

The staff revisor then distributed a balloon amendment, labeled #2, which would add a new category (ii) for compensation paid to school board members. ([Attachment 2](#))

After considerable discussion wherein it was determined that school board members do not receive compensation as school district employees do, language for a substitute amendment was discussed. Senator Schmidt asked if this information is available anywhere else and it was determined that it is available, but not readily so and often only through an open records act request.

Senator Arpke suggested that the words "or reimbursement" should be added on page 4, line 12, and Senator Fitzgerald suggested that these issues would be better dealt with as line items in the budgets for the districts rather than in this bill so patrons of the districts could challenge the figures.

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Chairperson Abrams instructed members to please discuss only the balloon #2 at this time, as page 4, section (3) and the balloon are being intermingled in discussion by Committee members.

Senator Pyle moved, Senator Tyson seconded, to approve the balloon amendment, labeled #2. Motion defeated.

Senator Fitzgerald moved, Senator Pyle seconded, a substitute motion to the balloon, labeled as #2, as follows: "the expenditures budgeted by the school district for the current school year for amounts to be paid to or on behalf of members of the school district board of education, including, but not limited to, association dues, travel and per diem expenses and reimbursements for any other expenses." Motion carried.

Senator Arpke moved, Senator Melcher seconded, to recommend **SB188** as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried. Senator Schmidt voted no.

Chairperson Abrams announced that there will be no meeting tomorrow, Friday, February 20, 2015. Next week, the Committee will be hearing **SB176** on Monday, February 23 and then on Tuesday, February 24 there will be discussion and final action on pending bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.