

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 04, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Matt Lindsey, President, Kansas Independent College Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairperson Abrams asked if there were any new bills to be introduced. There were none.

He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes previously sent to committee members for review. Senator Kerschen moved, Senator Pettey seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 12, January 13, January 14, January 20 and January 21, 2016 Senate Education Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Revisor Long was given time to clarify two separate issues brought forward at the February 2nd meeting. The first issue dealt with the state's contractual obligations if there are insufficient monies to fund contracts. The second issue dealt with proposed amendments to **SB323** that would bring in language incorporating the Kansas State Department of Education rules and regulations. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

In response to a request from Senator Schmidt, Dr. Donald Fast of Educational Design Solutions provided a more extensive report to the Committee regarding the Lexia Reading Core5 Progress Report. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Hearing on: SB358 — Amending the nurse educator service scholarship program act.

Chairperson Abrams opened the hearing on **SB358**. Revisor Long briefly reviewed the bill, stating that it basically provides scholarship funding for nursing students who remain in Kansas and teach nursing at the college level. He further reported that House Appropriations has already passed their version of this bill, **HB2482**, with two amendments. A copy of the House bill will be placed in dropbox for members to review.

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Matt Lindsey spoke in support stating that the bill makes a small change to the statutes governing the Kansas Nurse Educator Service Scholarship by broadening the list of eligible institutions of higher education to include several non-profit independent colleges. ([Attachment 3](#))

Questions followed concerning the House amendments, the fiscal note, and the amount of monies currently in the scholarship fund.

Chairperson Abrams asked if there were any additional proponents, opponents or persons who wished to present neutral testimony on the bill. There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB358** was closed.

The chairperson then announced that turnaround time is drawing close and the Committee will be working several bills in the next two weeks. He suggested that members contact Revisor Long for assistance in preparation of balloon amendments they will be proposing. Senators Tyson and Schmidt reported they would be presenting amendments for the Committee's consideration. With no further business before the Committee, Chairperson Abrams adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.