

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jeff Melcher – Excused

Committee staff present:
Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
No conferees present

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Possible action on bills previously heard HB2622 — Board of regents; updating fees and making amendments to the Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institution act.
Chairperson Abrams called for discussion and possible final action on **HB2622**. Shirley Morrow, Research, provided the Committee with additional information in response to Committee questions from an earlier meeting. ([Attachment 1](#))

*Senator Arpke moved, Senator Schmidt seconded, to recommend **HB2622** as amended, favorably for passage. Motion carried.*

Possible action on bills previously heard SB470 — Establishing the intercollegiate adaptive sport grant program.
Chairperson Abrams called for discussion and possible final action on **SB470**.

The chairperson indicated that since there is no apparent interest in moving this bill forward, he is therefore removing **SB470** from further consideration by the Committee.

Possible action on bills previously heard SB356 — Creating the school district bond project review board.
Chairperson Abrams called for discussion and possible final action on **SB356**. Revisor Long presented a summary of the bill to the Committee. ([Attachment 2](#)) He then passed out a Proposed Substitute for **SB356** which was requested by Senator Baumgardner.

Senator Baumgardner reviewed the proposed substitute which incorporates concerns expressed by

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committee members regarding the original bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Questions followed concerning makeup of the new committee, definitions for extracurricular activities, the application and possible reapplication process, provision for equalization requirements, and any opportunities for renegotiation with the oversight committee.

Revisor Long emphasized that the Legislature would make funds available to the districts, the oversight committee would prioritize those funds needed based on equalization and would decide how to disburse funds to the schools that would apply, with amounts possibly varying each year.

Senator Baumgardner reported that this substitute was presented to set guidelines for bond projects as currently any school district can decide any building plan, go to their taxpayers for approval, and the state is then automatically on the hook to pay 20% of the project.

Senator Fitzgerald expressed concern that there doesn't appear to be an attempt to put a cap on total appropriations for bond issues and he would like to see a harness put on the overall spending, possibly with a further amendment.

Chairperson Abrams indicated that **SB444**, the deaf and hearing impaired bill, has been before the Committee, and he would like to work the bill tomorrow. The stakeholders in the bill have been diligently working together and have come to an agreement which he would like the Committee to review. Since interpreters need to be available, that bill will be the first item on the agenda.

The chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Room 144-S of the Capitol.