

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Don Crumbaker at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 31, 1984 in room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Hensley, who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Judy Crapser, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Curtis, Kansas Association of School Boards
Craig Grant, Kansas-National Education Association

The minutes of January 26 were approved as written.

The Chairman opened hearings on HB 2768 changing the notification date by school districts for discontinuation of teacher contracts from May 15 to May 1.

Bill Curtis, KASB, testified in support of HB 2768. (ATTACHMENT I)

Jerry Schreiner, United School Administrators of Kansas, submitted a written statement in support of HB 2768. (ATTACHMENT II)

Craig Grant, K-NEA, testified in opposition of HB 2768. He stated backing the date up to May 1 would only allow fifteen days for those teachers who wish to seek positions in other districts. The school districts can release teachers after the deadline of course, but more and more districts are refusing to do so, wanting to keep the teachers in their own districts. He suggested, to allow the same time frame in existence now and still work with this bill's concerns, the possibility of rolling the April 15 date back to April 1.

The hearings on HB 2768 closed.

The Chairman opened the meeting to discussion and possible action on bills previously heard.

Representative Murphy made a motion to amend HB 2618. (ATTACHMENT III) This amendment drops the fifteen minute a day proposed extension to the school day, but changes the required attendance year for grade twelve from 900 hours to 1050 hours. The twelfth grade change would be the only change from current requirements. Representative Apt seconded the motion.

Committee discussion revealed the graduation requirements would not be changed and twelfth graders would be allowed the same latitude as now in their scheduling. The only change from present operation would be computation of FTE for funding purposes.

The motion to amend HB 2618 carried.

Representative Leach moved to table HB 2618. Representative Moomaw seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Apt moved that HB 2618 be passed out of committee with the recommendation of "Be Passed as Amended". Representative Reardon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Lowther moved HB 2738 be recommended favorable out of committee. HB 2738 concerns the due process procedure making arbitration binding by unanimous vote. Representative Hassler seconded the motion.

Representative Brady made a substitute motion to pass HB 2729 out of committee with a favorable recommendation. HB 2729 affects the due process procedure for teachers

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making arbitration binding. Representative Laird seconded the motion. The motion failed. A division was called with the vote resulting, seven in favor of the motion and thirteen opposed.

The Chair called for the vote on the original motion to report HB 2738 favorable. The motion carried. A division was called with the vote in favor, twelve.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be February 1, 1984 at 3:30 p.m.

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Testimony on H.B. 2768

by

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Kansas Association of School Boards

January 31, 1984
House Education Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today in support of H.B. 2768. The bill was introduced by this Committee at the request of the Kansas Association of School Boards.

This past November the Delegate Assembly of the Kansas Association of School Boards, the body which determines the legislative policies of this association, approved a new policy which would support legislation that changes the date for teachers to notify boards of education of their intent not to return to the district from May 15 to May 1.

Many boards of education have expressed concern that the present teacher notification date works a hardship on boards in recruiting replacement staff members. This is primarily due to the fact that most teacher training institutions have completed the semester before May 15 and potential candidates are difficult to locate. If the date were moved back to May 1 most of these same institutions are still in session and candidates could be interviewed on campus. Thank you for your attention. We urge your support of H.B. 2768.

ATTACHMENT I

(1-31-84)
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TO: House Education Committee
FROM: Jerry O. Schreiner, Executive Director
DATE: January 31, 1984
SUBJECT: HB 2768 - Contract Notification Date

The United School Administrators supports HB 2768 which changes the date when teachers notify boards that they do not wish to continue employment from May 15 to May 1. In many school districts these few days can make the difference in announcing vacancies and finding suitable applicants for consideration of vacancies.

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ATTACHMENT II

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Proposed Amendment
To House Bill No. 2618

On page 1, in line 24, by striking "(1) A" and inserting in lieu thereof "Subject to the other provisions of this section, a"; in line 26, by striking ", subject to"; by striking all of lines 27 to 32, inclusive; in line 33, before the period, by inserting the following: "(1) for pupils regularly enrolled in kindergarten, if the school district maintains kindergarten, not less than 180 school days and each such school day shall consist of not less than 2 1/2 hours; and (2) for pupils regularly enrolled in any of grades one through 11 of the school district, not less than 180 school days and each such school day shall consist of not less than six hours; and (3) for pupils regularly enrolled in grade 12 of the school district, not less than 175 school days and each such school day shall consist of not less than six hours"; in line 34, by striking "(2)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(b)"; in line 38, by striking "1,125" and inserting in lieu thereof "1,080"; in line 40, after the stricken material, by inserting "11 of the school district, and not less than 1,050 school hours for pupils regularly enrolled in grade"; in line 43, by striking "provision (2)" and inserting in lieu thereof "subsection";

On page 2, in line 46, by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(c)"; in line 52, by striking "provision (1)" and inserting in lieu thereof "the provisions"; also in line 52, by striking "6 1/4"; by striking all of line 53; in line 54, by striking all before "the"; in line 55, by striking "the" and inserting in lieu thereof "any"; also in line 55, after "policy", by inserting "adopted under the provisions of subsection (b)"; in line 56, by striking "provision (1) or provision (2)" and inserting in lieu thereof "the provisions"; in line 57, after "(a)", by inserting "or subsection (b)";

On page 3, by relettering subsections (c), (d) and (e) as subsections (d), (e) and (f), respectively