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Jayne Aylward

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Jayne Aylward at _____
Chairperson

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 27, 1985 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Chronister (excused)

Representative Helgerson (excused)

Committee staff present:

Ray Hauke, Research Department

Jean Mellinger, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Jayne Aylward opened the meeting and opened discussion on HB 2126.

Representative Friedeman moved that the committee pass this bill out favorable for passage. Representative Erne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The chairman opened discussion on HB 2006.

Representative Dean said he withdrew all mention of intent of matching funds.

Chairman Aylward mentioned the question of whether federal monies could be used as part of the match and whether there could be something put in the bill to indicate that this is an ongoing program. One suggestion for the latter was to put it in for five years with a sunset clause added. She asked if there is any way we can give this program more stability for hiring purposes. Ray Hauke said you can put the concept in statute to at least have it appear that it was legislative intent in the 1985 session that this be an ongoing program. It would be the same as the enabling act for state agencies. Then it would be funded annually.

Representative Friedeman asked what happened to a "sunset" on something like this. Ray Hauke said you could certainly tack a "sunset" onto it.

Representative Dean mentioned that in Tennessee a large lump sum was given for a multiple number of years which would guarantee that it would be around for a while. Ray Hauke said typically this is not done in Kansas, but he could check with Jim Wilson on whether it is forbidden.

Representative Green asked if what was wanted was that they can run for five years and then can continue to run unless the legislators have a question. The chairman said that was just a suggestion made to her.

The chairman asked Dr. Phillip Bradford, KDED, what they did in other states. Dr. Bradford said Arkansas is structured for a specific five-year program and another approach is to make it a permanent program but fund it yearly.

The chairman asked Ray Hauke if we could create the centers statutorily to be funded year by year with this bill and was told it could be done.

Representative Friedeman moved that Section 1 state that the Centers of Excellence be statutorily established and remaining sections should be appropriation actions. Representative Sifers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Roper moved that the committee pass HB 2006 as amended out favorable for passage. Representative Erne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Dean moved that the minutes of the meetings of February 18 and 19, 1985, be approved. Representative Roper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 1985.

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