

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONThe meeting was called to order by Representative Don Crumbaker at  
Chairperson3:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on January 29, 1985 in room 519-S of the Capitol.All members were present ~~except~~:

## Committee staff present:

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

## Conferees appearing before the committee:

Buddy Baker, Midland Brake Inc.  
Dr. Jack Lundy, Allen County Community College  
Bill Curtis, Kansas Association of School Boards  
Craig Grant, Kansas-National Education Association  
Merle Hill, Kansas Association of Community Colleges

The Chairman opened the hearing for HB 2040 - providing for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a state pool of instructional equipment; imposing certain powers, duties and functions on the state board of education. The Committee was given the fiscal note on HB 2040. (ATTACHMENT 1)

Buddy Baker, Personnel Director of Midland Brake Inc., testified in support of HB 2040. (ATTACHMENT 2) He added that employers would much rather hire new employees locally, within the state, rather than from across the country, but there is a need for properly qualified and trained people in Kansas which this legislation could help correct.

Dr. Jack Lundy, Allen County Community College, testified in support of HB 2040. He stated that this could have a broad application throughout the state and the utilization of such a pool would be extensive. He felt that the instructors for such a pool of equipment are currently available with some reassignments in the present structure. This type of program could be a cooperative venture between industry and education, benefiting both arenas. It would help keep the vocational offering and technical training up-to-date for Kansans increasing the quality of the work force for all of Kansas industry.

Representative Apt, Chairman of LEPC that introduced HB 2040, stated they envisioned HB 2040 as a new and innovative program, possibly as a pilot project. She related that during LEPC hearings, it was noted that there could be vast beneficial utilization of such a pool by the corrections department also. The business climate in Kansas has dropped because of a lack of a technical work force availability.

Bill Curtis, KASB, supported HB 2040 stating this would help Kansas grow.

Craig Grant, K-NEA, addressed HB 2040 by supporting the concept.

Dr. Merle Hill, KACC, offered availability to background information relative to a North Carolina program to any Committee member who so desired.

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to HB 2058 - concerning the legislative educational planning committee; relating to the powers, duties and authority thereof.

Bill Curtis, KASB, stood in support of HB 2058.

Craig Grant, K-NEA, stood in support of HB 2058.

The minutes of January 17, 1985 were approved as written.

The Chairman adjourned the Committee at 4:42 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be January 31, 1985, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.

DATE Jan 29, 1985

GUEST REGISTER  
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 EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Merle Hree	KACC	Tapeka
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Fiscal Note  
1985 Session  
January 28, 1985

Bill No.

The Honorable Don Crumbaker, Chairperson  
Committee on Education  
House of Representatives  
Third Floor, Statehouse

103-11

Dear Representative Crumbaker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for House Bill No. 2040 by Committee  
on Legislative Educational Planning

In accordance with K.S.A. 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning House Bill No. 2040 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

House Bill No. 2040 provides for the creation and operation of a state pool of scientific, technical, and computer instructional equipment which would be loaned to vocational education schools as defined in the bill. Such equipment would be used by area vocational training schools and community colleges which operate programs for the purpose of vocational instruction. The State Board of Education would establish, maintain, and operate the program.

The State Board would have authority to charge for the use, maintenance, repair, and transportation of instructional equipment. The receipts from such charges would be deposited in the State Instructional Equipment Pool Fund created by the bill. The State Board could accept federal or other funds made available for the purchase of equipment and could contract for the storage, repair, maintenance, and transportation of instructional equipment.

The State Board of Education, Kansas Department of Education, estimates that first year administrative costs would require a minimum of \$2,500 for operating items such as telephones and travel. Additional expenditures would be dependent upon the amount of funds made available to the Kansas Department of Education for the purchase of equipment. Presumably, state general funds would be required to initial the program. The 1986 Governor's Budget Report does not include funds for the purchase of instructional equipment as described within this bill.

Therefore, the fiscal implications of passage of House Bill No. 2040 would be in addition to amounts contained in the 1986 Governor's Budget Report.

*Alden K. Shields*

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Director of the Budget

January 29, 1985

Please accept my thanks for this opportunity to appear before this committee.

The need for vocational training is an issue that just won't go away in Allen County. The single most critical issue facing our business is our ability to machine quality parts for our customers.

As many of you may be aware, the history of industrial machinery in our segment of Southeastern Kansas is a short one - we have little to rely upon in either skilled, experienced workers or educational institutions to provide these needed skills.

Experience has shown that when parts of the state are experiencing excess machine skills this maldistribution of skills does not reallocate itself to other areas within the state needing those skills.

Current vocational schools must be viewed as institutions to provide skills training to those individuals indigenous to the immediate area where the schools are located.

If Kansas is going to be competitive with surrounding states in attracting and maintaining existing industry issues such as the one Midland Brake faces must be resolved.

Without substantial vocational training it is becoming intuitively obvious that we will in the long term be unable to maintain our competitive edge.

Dr. Hines introduced the idea of a Mobile Vocational Training Program several months ago to members of this legislature, no doubt it's an idea whose time has arrived. States such as North Carolina have used this concept extremely successfully. We should utilize this concept to address

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the particular needs of industry in the more remote locations of our state.

We at Midland Brake need your partnership to remain a viable part of the Southeastern Kansas community.

Much attention has been paid to the traditional industrial centers of Kansas. This is how it should be - but other areas of Kansas are being developed and the need for skills training are evident. Recent wisdom has questioned the necessity of development of more traditional Vo Tech Centers requiring significant capital investment in brick and mortar as well as equipment. The idea of Mobile Classroom training seems to be an excellent way in which to meet training needs as well as addressing the cost efficiency needs that our current budget restraints demand.

We in private industry support this innovative approach and encourage you to give it your full support.