

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR JOSEPH C. HARDER at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1985 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Mr. Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Avis Swartzman, Legislative Revisor's Office
Mrs. Millie Randell, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2297 - Vocational education, student tuition and fees payments.
(Goossen)

Proponents:

Representative Duane Goossen, sponsor of HB 2297

HB 2391 - Law enforcement training, allowing agreements between educational institutions and local enforcement agencies. (Wunsch)

Proponents:

Representative Bob Wunsch, sponsor of HB 2391

Following a call to order by the Chairman, Senator Arasmith moved, and Senator Allen seconded the motion to approve minutes of March 21. The motion carried.

HB 2297 - The Chair recognized Representative Duane Goossen, sponsor of HB 2297, who explained that this bill changes current law so as to make the school district in which a secondary student is enrolled responsible for the student's vocational education tuition fees. Representative Goossen's testimony is found in Attachment 1.

HB 2391 - The Chair then recognized Representative Bob Wunsch, who described the circumstances, including an Attorney General's Opinion, which caused him to sponsor HB 2391. Representative Wunsch told the Committee how the Pratt Community College discovered that it could not enter into contracts with local law enforcement agencies to provide instruction for those agencies.

Ms. Avis Swartzman, a revisor of statutes, after requesting permission to speak, informed the Committee of a need for a technical amendment to HB 2391. Senator Arasmith moved to amend HB 2391 by changing "of the state" to "in the state" on lines 0024 and 0028. The motion was seconded by Senator Allen, and the amendment was adopted. After being informed of uncertainties expressed by parties affected by the bill, the Chairman announced that any further action by the Committee on the bill will be taken at a later date.

Senator Arasmith moved, and Senator Karr seconded the motion to recommend HB 2297 favorably for passage. The motion carried.

HB 2142 - Senator Kerr moved to amend HB 2142 relating to programs on alcohol and drug abuse problems by changing the word "may" to "shall" on line 0024 so as to make the programs mandatory. The motion was seconded by Senator Karr, but the motion did not carry.

Senator Karr then made a conceptual motion to amend HB 2142 by inserting language to the effect that programs on alcohol and drug abuse problems for pupils be considered for implementation at three levels of education: the elementary, junior high, and high school. This motion was seconded by Senator Anderson. The Chairman stated that he would prefer to defer any further action on the bill until a subcommittee can study the concepts of the bill more thoroughly and report its findings to the Committee. He appointed Senator Salisbury, chairman; Senator Kerr and Senator Karr as members of the subcommittee and then adjourned the meeting.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 1:30 p.m. PLACE: 254-E DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 1985

GUEST LIST

NAME

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ORGANIZATION

Craig Grant	Lawrence	K-NEA
Ann Burnett	Topeka	USD 507#
Reggie	Paola	SB-E
Bill Curtis	Topeka	KASB
Jim Karp	Topeka	League of Municipalities
Richard Funk	Topeka	KASB
Bob Wunsch		Leg - self

TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE GOOSSEN -- HB 2297

Under present law when a high school student enrolls in a vocational program the school district in which that student is a legal resident is responsible for the students' vocational fees.

HB 2297 changes the law to make the school district in which the student is enrolled responsible for vocational fees.

The bill was introduced in response to complaints from school districts that were being charged for vocational fees of students not enrolled in their district. One specific example involved the Marion U.S.D. A student whose parents still live in the Marion U.S.D. enrolled in another school district and also attended a vocational program part time. The other school district received state aid and budget authority for that student, but the Marion U.S.D. received the bill for vocational fees.

Attached is a list, provided by Dr. Dale Brooks, director of the Newton Area VoTech, of students in his area whose vocational tuition has been a problem this year. In most of these cases the school district that finally gets the bill has not even heard of the student. This creates problems for the VoTech in both assessing and then collecting the vocational program fees.

TUITION PROBLEMS
RESIDENCE IN USD OTHER THAN HIGH SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE

1983-1984

Student Name	Resident of USD	Attends High School	Attends Vocational Progra at
Dave Price	#373 Newton	Hesston High School	Moundridge Ag.
Garry Gurney	#423 Moundridge	Hesston High School	Welding-MTC
C. Jason Cooper	#262 Valley Center	Sedgwick High School	Newton Ag.
C. Weston Cooper	#262 Valley Center	Sedgwick High School	Newton Ag.
Troy Hale	#440 Halstead	Sedgwick High School	Newton Ag.
Shawn Kessler	#440 Halstead	Moundridge High School	Welding-MTC.
Roger Abernathy	#308 Hutch.	Nickerson High Schhol	Hutch. Auto Mech.
William Wille	#310 Langdon	Nickerson High School	Hutch. Auto Mech.
Ron Zolman	#312 Haven	Haven High School	Hutch. Auto Body
Jody Faris	#373 Newton	Hesston High School	Newton Auto Mech.
Tony D. Platt	#373 Newton	Hesston High School	Moundridge Ag.