

Approved April 12, 1986
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:00 ~~xxxx~~/p.m. on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1986 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:

Following a call to order, the Chairman asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Allen moved, and Senator Parrish seconded the motion that the minutes of April 1 be approved. The motion carried.

The Chairman stated that today's meeting had been called at the request of the chairperson of the subcommittee on HB 2795 to present its report to the Committee, and he then recognized Senator Salisbury.

Senator Salisbury explained that HB 2795, which amends the compulsory attendance law dealing with truancy, had proven to be a very difficult subject to research in the brief amount of time allotted. She related that although the subcommittee had made many telephone contacts, these had brought little new insight into the problem of truancy. She continued by saying that the subcommittee's immediate recommendation was a band aid approach until the broad topic of attendance could be addressed in depth by an interim study committee. Senator Salisbury said, however, that the subcommittee had agreed on some language to amend the bill and that this includes striking the language which relates to juvenile offenders and the district attorney. Included in new language to be inserted, she said, would be a provision for verification by the school that it has communicated with the family or guardian of the child who is considered to be truant and that this information would then be turned over to the Department of SRS. Senator Salisbury said the subcommittee recognizes that this would be a temporary and partial solution to the concerns expressed by SRS but that it would assist that agency. Senator Salisbury's statements were supported by Senator Parrish, also a subcommittee member, who asserted that the main provision in the language change of the bill would require schools not presently performing this communication with the family or guardian to do so. Ms. Avis Swartzman of the Revisor's Office stated that the major change is to be found in Section 4 of the bill and affirmed that this relates to notification of the parents or guardian by the school via restricted mail when a child is considered to be truant. Members of the subcommittee further commented that the new language of the bill would cause parents to be notified more quickly than at present regarding their child's truancy; and it would, also, provide SRS with the possibility of having closer ties with the schools.

The Chairman acknowledged that he, too, sees the problem of truancy to be a major concern needing more in depth study and would like to see the subject referred to an interim committee for study.

When the Chair asked the Committee's pleasure regarding the subcommittee report, Senator Salisbury moved that the subcommittee report on HB 2795 be adopted by the Education Committee. This motion was seconded by Senator Parrish, and the report was adopted. When the Chair asked the Committee's pleasure regarding HB 2795, Senator Parrish moved that HB 2795, as amended by the subcommittee report (Attachment 1), be recommended favorably for passage. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 254-E, Statehouse, at 1:00 ~~am~~ p.m. on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1986

The Chair then called upon Mr. Dale Dennis of the State Department of Education who told the Committee that his department had been instructed by an interim committee last summer to conduct a survey of physical violence occurring in the schools in Kansas and to report the progress of this survey to the standing committees of the legislature. Mr. Dennis distributed questionnaires (Attachment 2) that had been prepared by the Department of Education for conducting this survey and said that the survey forms would be mailed to the school districts in the coming fall as part of the Organizational Report which, when completed, is required to be returned to the Department of Education. Mr. Dennis asked for Committee suggestions regarding the form.

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Education

Recommends that House Bill No. 2795 (As Amended by the House on Final Action)

"AN ACT concerning children; relating to attendance at school; amending K.S.A. 72-1113 and K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 21-3612, 38-1502, 38-1602, 38-1624, 38-1632, 38-1663 and 38-1664 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 38-1502a."

Be amended:

On page 2, following line 65, by inserting a new paragraph as follows:

"(6) is not attending school as required by K.S.A. 72-977 or 72-1111, and amendments thereto;"

Also on page 2, in line 68, by striking "(6)" and inserting "(7)"; in line 73, by striking "(7)" and inserting "(8)"; in line 76, by striking "; or" and inserting a period; by striking all of lines 77 and 78;

On page 4, by striking all of lines 155 through 159;

On page 5, by striking all of lines 160 through 196;

On page 6, by striking all of lines 197 through 212; in line 226, by striking all after "are"; by striking all of lines 227, 228 and 229; in line 230, by striking all before "not"; by renumbering section 4 as section 3;

On page 7, in line 234, by striking all after the second comma; in line 235, by striking all before "and";

On page 8, in line 285, by striking all after "services"; in line 286, by striking all before the period; in line 302, by striking all after "(f)"; by striking all of lines 303 through 307;

On page 9, by striking all of lines 308 through 315; in line 316, by striking "(g)"; by striking all of lines 320 through 344;

On page 10, by striking all of lines 345 through 381;

On page 11, by striking all of lines 382 through 418;

On page 12, by striking all of lines 419 through 520;

On page 13, by striking all of lines 525 through 566;

On page 14, by striking all of lines 567 through 603;

On page 15, by striking all of lines 604 through 640;

On page 16, by striking all of lines 641 through 663;

following line 663, by inserting a new section as follows:

"Sec. 4. K.S.A. 72-1113 and K.S.A. 1985 Supp. 21-3612, 38-1502 and 38-1502a are hereby repealed.";

By renumbering section 10 as section 5;

In the title, in line 22, by striking the comma and inserting "and"; in line 23, by striking all after "38-1502"; in line 24, by striking "1664";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson

SCHOOL VIOLENCE SURVEY

U.S.D. No. _____ U.S.D. Name _____

Attendance Center _____ Principal _____

This survey was requested as part of a legislative interim study committee's recommendations to the 1986 Kansas Legislature. It is designed to collect information on acts involving physical violence taking place on school grounds. The building principal should compile these data.

Physical violence for this purpose is defined as a malicious act against students or school employees which requires medical attention by a physician or nurse or which resulted in the student receiving a short- or long-term suspension.

1. How many acts of physical violence took place during the 1985-86 school year on your attendance center property? _____
2. How many acts of physical violence took place on your attendance center property in each category listed below?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>List type of violence, i.e., fight, knifing, shooting, etc.</u>
(a) student assaulted school employee	_____	_____
(b) student assaulted student	_____	_____
(c) student assaulted person from outside school	_____	_____
(d) non-school person assaulted student or school employee	_____	_____
TOTAL (Should be the same response as No. 1 above)	_____	

Signature of School Official

Date