

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Denise Apt at _____
Chairperson

3:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on March 30, 1987 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jim Lowther, excused.

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Thelma Canaday, Secretary to the Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Mike Peterson
Senator Fred Kerr
Craig Grant, Kansas National Education Association
Richard Funk, Kansas Association of School Boards

Chairman Apt called the meeting to order and opened hearings on HB 2577, concerning due process hearings for certain teachers employed in accredited nonpublic schools upon contract nonrenewal or termination.

Representative Mike Peterson explained HB 2577 by saying it would simply extend the due process law to teachers in non-public schools and give them this recourse in event of contract nonrenewal.

The chair reopened hearings on and drew attention to SB 208 and recognized Senator Fred Kerr who testified in support of the bill saying it would allow community colleges to provide scholarships for students in outlying counties who were in need of initial higher education or some basic job training but could not afford the high cost of such education. (Attachment I)

Following a short discussion period hearings on SB 208 were declared closed.

Hearings on HB 2577 were resumed when Craig Grant spoke in support of granting due process guarantees to teachers in nonpublic schools. He stated HB 2577 would prevent teachers in private accredited schools from being treated in an arbitrary or capricious manner by his or her employer. (Attachment II)

Richard Funk spoke in opposition of HB 2577 saying he felt clarification was needed and also he felt it was bad public policy to confer public rights upon private employees. There would be some problems on the part of the state if a situation arose where a religion teacher was terminated.

Hearings on HB 2577 were declared closed.

The chairman called for approval of the minutes of March 23 and March 25, 1987.

Representative Amos moved the minutes be approved and a second was given by Representative Laird. Motion carried.

Chairman Apt drew attention to the fact there were several bills that had been heard and no action taken and then recognized Representative Crumbaker.

Representative Crumbaker moved HB 2384 concerning admissions criteria for state educational institutions be passed favorably without recommendation by the committee. Seconded by Representative Smith. Motion carried.

Representative Gary Blumenthal moved the committee request an interim study on the concepts contained in HB 2384 and HB 2215 and that they be referred to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. Seconded by Representative Reardon. Motion carried.

Chairman Apt drew attention to SB 17 concerning the conformity of the equalization aid for community colleges.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
room 519-S, Statehouse, at 3:30 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. on March 30, 19⁸⁷.

Representative Crumbaker moved SB 17 be recommended favorably for passage. Seconded by Representative Williams.

Avis Swartzman pointed out a technicality that needed clearing up on SB 17 so Representative Crumbaker withdrew his motion and Representative Williams withdrew the second.

Representative R. D. Miller moved to amend SB 17 with a technical amendment to the title and repealer of the bill. Seconded by Representative Empson. Motion carried.

Representative Crumbaker moved SB 17 be passed as amended. Representative Williams seconded. Motion carried.

The chair drew attention to SB 208; no action was taken.

The chair drew attention to SB 266 concerning due process rights for teachers at the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for Visually Handicapped.

Representative Blumenthal moved SB 266 be passed favorably. Seconded by Representative Laird. Motion carried.

Chairman Apt recognized Representative Williams who offered amendments to HB 2229, an act providing for the award of professional practice conditional grants to teacher education students. The amendments would establish financial need; provide for part-time students; limit it to the critically underserved field of specialization; and specifically require a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Representative Williams moved the adoption of these amendments be approved. Seconded by Representative Hensley. Motion carried.

Representative Pottorff moved HB 2229 be referred to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee for further study. Seconded by Representative Blumenthal. Motion carried.

The chair called on Representative Larkin who explained House Resolution 6069 which urges the importance of a program of basic first-aid training for all public school employees.

After discussion Representative Blumenthal moved to report House Resolution 6069 favorably and put it on the consent calendar if possible. Representative Branson seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Reardon spoke of a resolution he and some fellow teachers had been considering but did not have in written form. It would encourage the State Board of Education to make a change in certification requirements for career teachers, those with 15 or more years of experience who had already obtained a master's or higher degree.

Chairman Apt announced there were no additional meetings planned for this legislative session and thanked the committee members for their cooperation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

STATE OF KANSAS



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SENATE CHAMBER

March 24, 1987

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members, House of Representatives
Education Committee
Denise Apt, Chairperson

FROM: Senator Fred A. Kerr

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "FAK".

RE: Senate Bill 208

I apologize for not being aware of the hearing yesterday on the above-referenced bill. I do want to express my full support for the bill. It is designed to allow community colleges, on a permissive basis, to provide for scholarships for students in their service area as designated by the State Board of Education.

Currently, community colleges can only provide such scholarships in their host county. There are students in the outlying counties who do need scholarships based on need and this bill would allow community colleges to provide those scholarships.

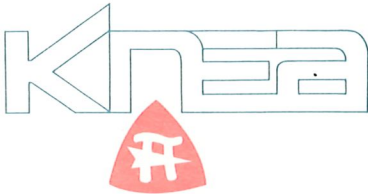
I think this concept is especially useful at this time when many students are in need of initial higher education or some basic job training but they are not in a position to pay a very high cost for such education. The administration, trustees and student organizations of Pratt Community College are on record as fully supporting this bill. I think it could be useful to all community colleges. I would appreciate your consideration of the bill. I would be glad to provide further information, if needed.

FAK/lc

Attachment I
House Education 3/30/87

Craig Grant Testimony Before The
House Education Committee

March 30, 1987



Thank you, Madame Chairman. My name is Craig Grant and I represent Kansas-NEA. I appreciate this opportunity to speak to the committee about HB 2577.

Kansas-NEA supports HB 2577. We believe that the nonpublic schools referred to in this bill have voluntarily chosen to come under the accrediting process of the state. By doing this, they have certain obligations they must meet to stay accredited by the state. K-NEA believes that providing their teachers due process in the event of nonrenewal or termination certainly should be one of those obligations.

The teachers we are talking about have been certified by the state department. They must complete recertification requirements as other teachers in the public schools. They sign contracts similar to their colleagues in public schools. Kansas-NEA believes that they should be afforded the same due process guarantees as the public school teachers. No teacher should be treated in an arbitrary or capricious manner by his or her employer. HB 2577 would help keep that from happening in our private accredited schools.

Kansas-NEA hopes that you report HB 2577 favorably for passage. Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Attachment II
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