

Approved February 3, 1987
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

1:30 ~~xxx~~/~~xxx~~p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 1987 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Joe Warren, excused

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:

SB 45 - School district equalization; deposit of miscellaneous revenues in general fund authorized, conditions. (Montgomery)

Proponents:

Mr. Richard Funk, Asst. Executive Director, Kansas Association of School Boards
Mr. Craig Grant, Director of Political Action, Kansas-National Education Association

Opponents:

Mr. Ferman Marsh, Supt. of Schools, USD 450, Shawnee Heights;
Speaking on behalf of United School Administrators of Kansas

Chairman Joseph C. Harder called the meeting to order and then recognized Mr. Richard Funk of the Kansas Association of School Boards. Mr. Funk affirmed his organization's support for SB 45 which, he said, would allow school districts to deposit investment income into the school district general fund in any year in which the use of an allotment system causes state aid to school districts to fall short of the amount anticipated. He emphasized that KASB strongly opposes any effort to make this provision into a permanent status. (Attachment 1) Mr. Funk, in response to a question, replied that KASB supports this bill on the basis that it be used only in those years when a lapsed state aid or allotment appropriations system is used.

Mr. Craig Grant, Kansas-National Education Association, when recognized by the Chairman, stated that his organization, too, supports SB 45 because of the additional flexibility it allows boards of education in years when state aid appropriations are partially lapsed by the legislature. (Attachment 2)

Mr. Ferman Marsh voiced opposition to SB 45 on behalf of the United School Administrators of Kansas, because, he said, it does not address the problem which is not enough money. Mr. Marsh maintained that SB 45 is not needed; because, he continued, school districts already have the authority, with the exception of the Capital Outlay Fund, to implement the provisions of SB 45. He cautioned that the bill could cause confusion by letting some people erroneously believe that school districts have special fund money that is unused and unneeded. In fact, he said, it is being used daily. Mr. Marsh also expressed concern that the bill might give certain elements of the community an added incentive to freeze up these funds.

Following Mr. Marsh's testimony, the Chairman announced that SB 45 would be taken under advisement.

When the Chairman called for approval of the minutes, Senator Arasmith moved that minutes of the meeting of January 27 be approved. Senator Salisbury seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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J. Coyne	Wicht	WFT
Carnie Huesel	Topoka	State Bd of Ed.
Team from Missouri	Topoka	USA
Richard Lamb	Topoka	KASB
Brett Berry	Silver Lake	w/ Sen. Selasberry
William Lippinbaum	Hendricks City	USD #500
Selen Stephens	Topoka	KCK #500
Barbara Lombardo	Topoka	w/ Sen. Karr

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Ernie Grant	Topeka	K-NEA
Paul Jasso-Wedel	Topeka	KACRA
Jeannie Chavez-Martinez	Topeka	Legislative Intern
Jim Hanally	Shawnee Mission	USD #572



TESTIMONY ON S.B. 45

by

Richard Funk, Assistant Executive Director
Kansas Association of School Boards

January 28, 1987

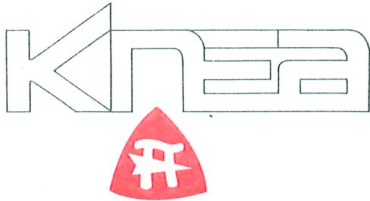
Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we appreciate the opportunity to testify today on behalf of the 302 members of the Kansas Association of School Boards. KASB supports the provisions in S.B. 45. We believe that legislation should be enacted which would allow school districts to deposit investment income in the school district general fund in any year in which the use of an allotment system causes state aid to school districts to fall short of the amount anticipated.

We believe that such a provision shall be discretionary on the part of the board and that the district's budget authority shall not be increased as a result of such actions.

We further believe that such discretionary actions on the part of any board that has reduced amounts of state equalization aid due to an allotment system shall not be carried over to permanent status. We will strongly resist such an attempt now or in the future.

Craig Grant Testimony Before The
Senate Education Committee

January 28, 1987



Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Committee, my name is Craig Grant and I represent Kansas-NEA. I appreciate this opportunity to talk with the Senate Education Committee regarding SB 45.

SB 45 allows additional flexibility to boards of education in years when appropriations are lapsed by the legislature. Kansas-NEA believes that such flexibility is needed this year or in future years. You will remember that we have long advocated the permissive use of interest in the general fund to help keep down local property taxes. We prevailed on the legislature one year to adopt this flexibility and over 100 school districts utilized its provisions. Local districts can exercise this discretion depending on the needs of the local area. This can result in direct property tax savings to the patrons of the district.

Kansas-NEA supports SB 45 and hopes that the committee not only passes it but remembers the concept when school finance is discussed for next year. Thank you for listening to the concerns of teachers.

Senate Education
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Attachment 2