

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

3:30 ~~xxx~~ am./p.m. on February 2, 1988 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Anthony Hensley, Excused      Representative David Miller, Excused  
Representative Charles Laird, Excused      Representative R. D. Miller, Excused  
Representative James 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 Bill Reardon  
Paul Adams, State Board of Education  
Jim Copple, Kansas Federation of Teachers

Chairman Apt called the meeting to order and opened hearings on H.B. 2637, an act concerning the Kansas training information program; relating to the performance of certain duties thereunder.

Paul Adams requested H.B. 2637 be reported favorably for passage. He said H.B. 2637 would allow the State Department of Education to use the most recent information available in the preparation of the KTIP report and would enable the State Board of Education to provide a more accurate report. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Apt opened hearings on H.C.R. 5026 to explore the value of additional college study for experienced teachers and feasibility of issuance of life certificates.

Representative Reardon testified in favor of H.C.R. 5026 and said many teachers who have been in the teaching profession many years feel it is a financial burden to be required to take additional hours to satisfy the State Board for recertification. Representative Reardon said the resolution is an encouragement for the State Board of Education to look at the possibility of dropping the requirement of additional hours for recertification for those teachers who have graduate degrees and 15 years of teaching experience.

Jim Copple spoke in support of H.C.R. 5026 and said the Kansas Federation of Teachers favors a study of the issues as set forth in this resolution. (Attachment 2)

Hearings on H.C.R. 5026 were declared closed by the chairman.

Chairman Apt drew attention to the committee minutes for January 25, 1988; January 26, 1988; January 27, 1988 and January 28, 1988.

Representative Jo Ann Pottorff moved all of these minutes be approved. Seconded by Representative Dean. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Apt at 4:00 p.m.

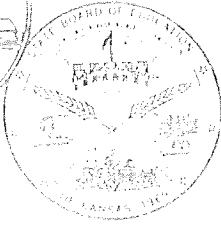
The next meeting will be February 3, 1988 in Room 519-S at 3:30 p.m.



# Kansas State Board of Education

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February 2, 1988

TO: House Education Committee  
FROM: State Board of Education  
SUBJECT: 1988 House Bill 2637

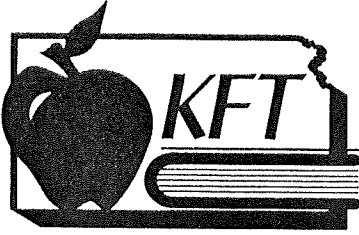
My name is Paul Adams, State Board of Education Member from Osage City. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before this Committee on behalf of the State Board.

House Bill 2637 was introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee at the request of the State Board of Education. The bill, establishing the Kansas Training Information Program, was passed by the 1987 Legislature and requires the State Board to obtain employment information, average salaries, and other information about persons who have completed a vocational program during the prior fiscal year.

Some of the information required by the bill is not available on December 1. House Bill 2637 amends the law to permit the State Department of Education to use the most recent information available in the preparation of the KTIP report.

The State Board of Education recommends this bill be reported favorably for passage.

*Attachment 1  
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR NO. 5026  
Submitted by James E. Copple, Director  
Kansas Federation of Teachers

February 2, 1988

Madame Chairman, members of the House Education Committee, HCR NO. 5026 requests that the State Board of Education explore the value of requiring experienced teachers with advanced degrees to complete additional hours of college credit to maintain or renew certification. Further, the resolution requests that the State Board explore the feasibility of issuing life certification. In that the resolution is seeking a study of these issues, we can rise in support of the resolution. Historically, the American Federation of Teachers has opposed legislation giving teachers life time certification. The reasons have been obvious to many teachers. Continuing education, in a field as dynamic as education, is essential to the progress and development of both teachers and students. The Kansas Federation of Teachers sympathizes with many of the assumptions of the resolution. Many, if not most of the courses offered and taken by teachers for the purpose of recertification do little to enhance the quality of one's teaching performance. The Holmes and Carnegie studies affirm that this is a serious problem. Whether or not the issuance of life time certification resolves that particular problem is a question still begging for an answer and therefore, is worthy of study.

It is clear that the national reform movement has sharply criticized the emphasis on pedagogy within graduate schools of education. There is a critical need for teachers to keep current in the content areas of their particular disciplines. The dissemination of information within education is more than most teachers and administrators can comprehend. It is not certain that a teacher who possesses an advanced degree and who has 15 years of experience is immune from the consequences of not

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keeping current in their field. We applaud the intent of the resolution to seek a study of these issues. We anxiously await their answer and the subsequent recommendations of the State Board of Education.