

Approved February 15, 1988
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

3:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 8, 1988 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dean, Excused
Representative Laird, Excused
Representative David Miller, 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:

Mr. Charles Lutz, Administrator, Barber Board
Mr. Dale Dennis, Assistant Commissioner, State Board of Education

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Apt and hearings on H.B. 2660 were opened. H.B. 2660 relates to barbers course of instruction and teachers' certificates.

Charles Lutz, Administrator of the Barber Board, testified in support of H.B. 2660 stating it was the desire of barber schools to enroll part-time students because many students need to work while attending school. Mr. Lutz testified that he was also in favor of deleting the section of the bill that requires instructors to take an examination before renewal of certificate. (Attachment 1)

After a short discussion period hearings on H.B. 2660 were declared closed by the chairman.

The chair drew attention to the minutes for February 1, 1988; February 2, 1988; and February 3, 1988.

Representative Williams moved the minutes for these three dates be approved. Seconded by Representative Larkin. Motion carried.

Chairman Apt drew attention to the sheet containing the list of bills to be adversely reported and announced action will be taken on this list at Wednesday's meeting, February 11.

Dale Dennis was recognized by the chair to give an update on the school finance bill under consideration in the Senate Education Committee. Mr. Dennis presented a Sales Ratio Study sheet and stated as the ratio goes up the adjusted valuation goes down. Mr. Dennis pointed out the sales ratio chart was based upon the sale of property and, as a general rule, farmland had declined in value and urban areas had remained about the same. Using a computer printout Mr. Dennis explained the governor's plan for the 1988-89 which provides for new money for the SDEA in the amount of \$24,850,252 and income tax rebate in the amount of \$20,160,000. Mr. Dennis stated the School District Equalization Act formula would have to be amended with a grandfather's clause in order for no school district to receive less state aid during the 1988-89 school year than it received during the 1987-88 school year.

After a discussion period Chairman Apt reminded the committee this was an informational meeting only and time for debate would be given at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 4:20.

The next meeting will be February 10, 1988 in Room 519-S at 3:30 p.m.

HOUSE BILL 2660

House Bill 2660 was introduced to allow barber schools to enroll part-time students. The schools have had some difficulty in enrolling students and the board as well as school owners feel that part-time students might help solve part of the problem. With the availability of grant monies uncertain, some people need to be able to work as well as go to school.

We recently had a new school open in Wichita, which cannot get accredited for two years therefore their students are not available for any type of grant money until the school is accredited. The school owner remarked to the board that he is having problems enrolling students because they cannot get grant money and need to work in order to pay for school.

A lot of times a person may want to change professions but cannot afford to quit to go to school. Therefore, the availability of part-time would allow these persons to eventually change professions. We cannot accurately estimate the number of part-time students we will have. However, in talking with the Board of Cosmetology, they increased their enrollment 28 to 30% after they went to part-time students.

The section of the bill which deletes the requirement that an instructor must have taught in a school during a three year period before renewing his teachers certificate or he must take an examination is outdated. The board has 29 licensed instructors, with approximately half of them being involved in giving demonstrations and private seminars but not teaching in schools. The board feels this is being involved in education and that it is beneficial to the barbers and public for these people to hold teaching certificates.

*Attachment 1
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