

Approved April 30, 1989
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by VICE CHAIRPERSON SHEILA FRAHM at
Chairperson

9:30 a.m./~~XXX~~ on Saturday, April 29, 19 89 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Dave Kerr, excused Senator Walker, excused
Senator Steineger, excused

Committee staff present:

Mr. Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Avis Swartzman, Revisor's Office
Mrs. Millie Randell, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sub. for HB 2540 - An act concerning education; authorizing interlocal cooperation agreements between Emporia state university and school districts; imposing certain conditions and limitations.

After calling the meeting to order, Vice Chairperson Sheila Frahm gave the floor to Senator Montgomery to report on conversations he has had with school district people in his area regarding Sub. for HB 2540.

Senator Montgomery referred the Committee's attention to page 1, Section 1., Subsection (3). He then explained that most of the board members and the superintendents had understood that in the initial proposal the board of directors would be composed of a representative of the school board of each participating district and one member representing Emporia State University. He suggested inserting language which would stipulate that one representative from Emporia State University be a member of the board of directors of the Association.

Senator Montgomery expressed a second concern whereby the State Board of Regents, he thought, wished to be included in the decision making process. (Reference: Lines 13-16, page 2, and other similar portions of the bill). The Vice Chair elaborated further by saying that Dr. Jack Skillett of Emporia had indicated the same thought to her yesterday, as Emporia State is a part of the Regents system.

A third concern expressed by Senator Montgomery relates to assessment per pupil. He explained that presently different rates of assessment are used and described how these rates (or fees) might vary. The bill allows for no variation, he said, and speaks to assessment only on a yearly basis. He pointed out instances where the lack of rates of assessment could present problems and possible inequities.

Replying to a concern of Senator Montgomery, the revisor pointed out that a subsequent board of education cannot change the terms made by a previous board in a contractual agreement and emphasized the importance of stating all possible circumstances which could arise when entering into such an agreement.

Senator Montgomery said that after talking with his school board people he has become cognizant of the fact that many school boards are unaware of the existence of Sub. for HB 2540.

In response to a Committee question as to the consequence for not passing the bill, Senator Karr replied that the main concern would be a delay in the implementation of the mobile resource center which provides public servicing of interlocal work in special education. He pointed out that he has not heard of any formal complaint from any district in the Association.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

room 254-E, Statehouse, at 9:30 a.m. ~~pm~~ on Saturday, April 29, 1989.

Representatives of United School Administrators of Kansas and the Kansas Association of School Boards who were in attendance responded to Committee questions. Mr. Charles Stuart, U.S.A., stated that Emporia State wants to be a working part of the arrangement to establish an interlocal cooperative along the lines of the regional service center at Greenbush. Mr. John Koepke stated that the main concern of his organization, KASB, is that members of the board of directors of the Association be members of the boards of education of participating members. He affirmed that this is in accordance with provisions for establishing an interlocal agreement, but this provision is not contained in Sub. for HB 2540 at the present time. Ms. Pat Baker, legal counsel, KASB, maintained that the twenty-two school districts could form an interlocal cooperative without the bill and contract for services from Emporia State University.

The Vice Chair inquired if the Committee would wish to proceed further with the bill, and, if so, she felt the involved parties should be contacted so that they could testify on the bill. Committee consensus indicated insufficient time for a hearing on the bill this year. Senator Karr commented that he would be talking with Dr. Skillett later today and would apprise the Committee should unexpected developments occur regarding the bill.

Senator Allen moved, and Senator Langworthy seconded the motion to approve minutes of the meetings of April 4 and April 28. The motion carried.

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 9:30 a.m. PLACE: 254-E DATE: Saturday, April 29, 1989

GUEST LIST

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Israel Maderon	Tepcha	USA
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Chuck Stuart	Tepcha	USA
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