

Approved April 2, 1992
Date

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Insurance

The meeting was called to order by Representative Weiland at
Chairperson

3:30 ~~XXXX~~ p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 1992 in room 531 of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representatives Turnquist, Gilbert, Helgerson, Sebelius, Ensminger and Sprague - Excused

Committee staff present:

Mr. Fred Carman, Revisor
Mr. Chris Courtwright, Research
Mrs. Emalene Correll, Research
Mrs. Nikki Feuerborn, Secretary
Mr. Mark Hunter, Intern

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ms. Robin Nichols, Wichita Public Schools

Hearing on SB 512 - An act concerning group life insurance for school districts and community colleges

Mr. Chris Courtwright of the Research Department gave a staff review of the bill. This bill would amend KSA 72-8415a and 72-8415b, two statutes concerning the authority of the board of education of any school district or the board of trustees of any community college to act as a self-insurer for certain types of insurance. The bill would allow those entities to self-insure for group life benefits in addition to health care services and disability income benefits.

Ms. Robin Nichols, representing the Wichita Public Schools, spoke as a proponent of the bill. The bill corrects an oversight in a 1990 enactment which sought to secure authority to self-fund for group life insurance benefits for eligible employees. Following enactment of that bill (HB 3068), the district learned from its attorney that a self-funded program could not be implemented unless authorized by both the statutes being amended by this bill. (See Attachment 1).

Representative Cornfield moved that the bill be passed out favorably and placed on the consent calendar. Representative Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Welshimer moved to accept the minutes of the March 30 meeting. Representative Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

GUEST LIST

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ADDRESS	COMPANY/ORGANIZATION
Robin Nichols		Wichita Public Schools
Marvin Burch		Ins. Dept.



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**Testimony Before the House Insurance Committee
In Support of Senate Bill 512
By Robin Nichols, Wichita Public Schools
March 31, 1992**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Robin Nichols. I thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to request your support for Senate Bill 512.

In 1990, boards of education of school districts and community colleges were authorized to act as self-insurers for certain types of insurance including health care services and disability income benefits.

An oversight in the 1990 enactment did not allow us to self-insure for group life benefits. SB 512 would amend KSA 72-8415(a), and (b) to do so. Our attorneys advised us to request correction of this oversight, which brings me here today. I thank you for your attention and ask for your support.

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Attachment!*