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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Mason at 3:30 p.m. on January 22, 1996 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Clifford Franklin (Excused)
Kay O'Connor (Excused)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Department of Education
Beverly Renner, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Lana Oleen
Representative Clyde Graeber
Representative Gerald Geringer
Representative Kent Glasscock
John Montgomery, former Board of Regents Member (by letter)
Anderson Chandler, Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry-
Military Affairs Committee
Colonel Bill Reese, U.S. Army-Fort Riley
Colonel Al Walczak, U.S. Army-Fort Riley
Robert Krause, Vice President for Institutional Advancement-
KSU

Others attending: See attached list

Hearings opened on **SB 325** concerning state educational institutions, relating to residence of students for fee purposes; providing for payment by certain persons of fees at resident rates.

Senator Lana Oleen explained the background of **SB 325** concerning residency of military dependents when the military person is transferred out of state and the family remains (Attachment 1).

Representative Graeber spoke as a proponent for **SB 325** as a fair and equitable approach to the specific situation and gives recognition to the military for their service.

Representative Geringer appeared as a proponent for **SB 325** and quoted the supplemental note to explain the bill (Attachment 2). The fiscal note of **SB 325** is difficult to predict because of the inability to track those Kansas high school graduates who do not enroll in a Kansas regents university because of the current tuition system.

Representative Geringer presented Representative Glasscock's testimony (Attachment 3) and a letter from John G. Montgomery, former Kansas Board of Regents member (Attachment 4) in support of **SB 325**.

Andy Chandler of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry testified as a proponent of **SB 325** and spoke for the Military Affairs Committee membership (Attachment 5). In the committee's attempts to influence decisions on future military investment in this country, they feel it appropriate to support the military personnel in Kansas by approving **SB 325**.

Colonel William Reese, Garrison Commander at Fort Riley and Colonel Walczak, senior legal officer at Fort Riley appeared in support of **SB 325** (Attachment 6). Colonel Reese outlined that passage of this bill would allow military personnel's families to enjoy state higher education benefits that non-military families experience.

Bob Krause, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Kansas State University testified in support of **SB 325** that KSU requested the Board of Regents pursue this legislative initiative (Attachment 7).

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m.
on January 22, 1996.

Chairman Mason called for other proponents; opponents. None came forward. The hearing on **SB 325** was closed.

Representative Powell made a motion for a committee bill introduction to provide tax credits to business entities who make contributions to elementary and secondary public and private schools. Representative Swenson seconded the motion. Representative Wells and others voted no but the ayes were in the majority. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 1996.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 325

January 22, 1996

Chairman Mason and Members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear in support of SB325. This bill is to clarify an issue which exists in tuition treatment for Kansas high school graduates whose parent(s) may be deployed or transferred during the time the student enrolls or is attending a regents institution.

The bill had a number of proponents and no opponents at the hearings in the Senate Education Committee. We did amend the bill to lapse the in-state residence status should the military parent(s) retire and not establish Kansas residency.

In our mobile and forward-deployed U. S. military operations, passage of this bill add stability to these students who pursue their educational experiences in Kansas.

I ask for your favorable action on SB325. If you have questions, I'd be pleased to respond.

Lana Oleen

Senator, 22nd District

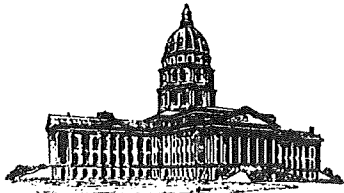
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SB 325 -

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I am Representative Gerry Geringer. I am appearing before you today to offer my support for SB 325 as amended by the Senate.

The "Supplemental Note on Senate Bill 325" clearly explains the bill. It states:

"The amendment permits the State Board of Regents to authorize resident fees for persons who have graduated from a high school accredited by the State Board of Education within six months of enrollment in a state educational institution and who, at the time of graduation from the high school or while enrolled and in attendance at the high school prior to graduation, were dependents of a person in military service in Kansas. However, if the military person retires from the military service but does not establish residence in Kansas, the dependent's eligibility for nonresident tuition lapses."

Passage of this bill would provide dependents of military personnel on active duty in Kansas who graduate from Kansas high schools, the same type of resident fee privileges, that other graduates of Kansas high schools have when their parents move to another state.

I also believe that it will be very difficult to accurately predict the fiscal note of SB 325 because there is no current way to track the number of Kansas high school graduates who do not enroll in a Kansas Regents University because of the current tuition system (before SB 325).

Thank you for your time. I stand for questions.

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TESTIMONY
House Education Committee
SB 325
January 22, 1996

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to testify in writing in strong support of SB 325. This bill has great significance to the area that I have the honor to serve. Over the years, Kansas State University, Ft. Riley, and the surrounding communities have worked together to form a strong bond of "Town, Gown, and Post." The cooperation and support each of these entities has exhibited has been truly outstanding. We are proud of the relationships that we have fostered.

One of the difficulties that has caused us concern and has generated hard feelings has been the anomaly that exists in current Kansas statute that prevents students from military families who move from the state to receive in-state tuition. Those students graduated from Kansas high schools whose parents move from the state and who are not in the military still retain their in-state status. This causes great consternation on the part of military families who have children desiring to attend a Kansas higher educational institution. SB 325 will correct this situation and create a fairer situation for many outstanding Kansas students.

Please give every consideration to SB 325. It is a good bill, a fair bill, and one the state truly does need.

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January 18, 1996

Representative Gerry Gerringer
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Dear Gerry:

I am sorry I am unable to testify at the hearing next week in behalf of SB325.

During my two terms on the Kansas Board of Regents, I received many complaints from parents and students of military personnel regarding having to pay out of state tuition when they were transferred and the son or daughter stayed in Kansas with every intent to become a Kansas resident.

The particularly difficult situation occurs when the student is already in a Regent school and the parent gets transferred and then they have to pay more.

One of the important criteria for the Base Closure Commission is quality of life in a state.

I think to help make the military feel welcome in our state granting instate tuition is a small price to pay our second largest employer.

I know you concur.

Best wishes.

Regards,

John G. Montgomery

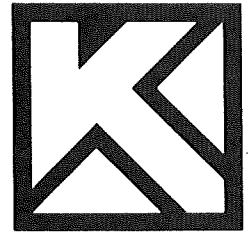
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The Daily Union
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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

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SB 325

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KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Testimony Before the
House Education Committee

by
KCCI

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

On behalf of KCCI and the KCCI Military Affairs Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to support Senate Bill 325. Our Military Affairs Committee was created approximately six years ago with the prime intention of helping to convince the military that they should increase their investment in Kansas. Little did we know that within a few months after we created the committee that our prime objective would become an effort to try and rescue our existing investment. We testified before the Defense Department, including the Secretary of Defense, that it was good policy to keep the Big Red One stationed at Fort Riley. We later testified to keep the military facility at Fort Riley intact at a time that military closures were being considered by Congress.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion of economic growth and job creation within Kansas, and to the protection and support of the private competitive enterprise system.

KCCI is comprised of more than 3,000 businesses which includes 200 local and regional chambers of commerce and trade organizations which represent over 161,000 business men and women. The organization represents both large and small employers in Kansas, with 55% of KCCI's members having less than 25 employees, and 86% having less than 100 employees. KCCI receives no government funding.

The KCCI Board of Directors establishes policies through the work of hundreds of the organization's members who make up its various committees. These policies are the guiding principles of the organization and translate into views such as those expressed here.

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We also found ourselves deeply involved with military personnel issues relative to those military personnel involved in Desert Storm and the housing problems said individuals were having when they returned from Desert Storm to Fort Riley.

This baptism of fire educated our Military Affairs Committee very quickly on what our relationship should be with those individuals in and out of the military who were the ones making the decisions on future military investment in this country. It's for this reason we support Senate Bill 325. For people that are defending our country and who do not have the luxury of deciding what they can call home, we think it's very appropriate we support the military personnel in Kansas in this very small way. In our attempt to salvage the military investment in Kansas, we constantly refer to them as members of the Kansas family. The approval of Senate Bill 325 would be proof of our commitment.

Let's not forget - we have close to 23,000 active duty military personnel in Kansas and close to 50,000 reservists and retirees, civilians and others that make their living or are partially supported by military activities; or roughly \$2 billion coming into our state.

We sincerely hope that this committee sees fit to enthusiastically support Senate Bill 325.

STATEMENT OF
COLONEL WILLIAM A. REESE
GARRISON COMMANDER, FORT RILEY

CHAIRMAN _____ AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

I am Colonel William Reese, the Garrison Commander at Fort Riley. With me today is COL Walczak, the senior legal officer at Fort Riley. I welcome this opportunity to testify in support of ~~House~~ ^{SENATE} Bill 325. In my capacity as Fort Riley Garrison Commander I am responsible for the quality of life of our soldiers and their family members. An important aspect in the quality of life for many of our soldiers is the opportunity to have their family members attend state schools and universities while they are stationed at Fort Riley.

Many military family members who graduate from high school in Kansas, desire to continue their education at a state university in Kansas. However, under the current law, they are penalized if their military sponsor leaves the state because the student must now pay out of state tuition at a state university. It is important to note that this law singles out only family members of military personnel for this higher tuition. If, for example, a graduating senior's parents move out of Kansas but the parents are not in the military, the student is still eligible for in-state tuition. House Bill 325 does not give soldiers special treatment, it simply allows family members of soldiers to be treated like other graduating high school seniors. Passage of this bill will also attract graduating seniors to a Kansas university who may not otherwise consider this option. Finally, passage of House Bill 325 will send a strong message that the state of Kansas continues to provide outstanding support to the men and women of the military services. I can also report that

the leadership at Fort Leavenworth, and ^{PRESIDENT} ~~Regents~~ John Wiefel and ^{Fort RILEY} ~~John~~ Montgomery are

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all in support of House Bill 325. The profession of a soldier is unique and the demands the military places on a soldier's family are great. Passage of this bill will help to ensure that soldiers and their family members are treated fairly and that they can enjoy the same quality of life as other Kansas residents. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of this important bill.



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**Testimony for Senate Bill No. 325
Presented to the House Education Committee
3:30 p.m. January 22, 1996**

Chairperson Mason and members of the Committee. My name is Robert Krause and I am Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Kansas State University. I appreciate having an opportunity to present testimony to you today supporting Senate Bill #325 which would amend the existing statute governing qualifications for resident fees at Regents' institutions.

Kansas State University requested that the Board of Regents pursue this legislative initiative so that dependents of military personnel on active duty in Kansas who graduate from Kansas high schools would have the same type of resident fee privileges that other graduates of Kansas high schools have when their parents move to another state.

Basically, this would allow dependents of military personnel stationed full time on active duty in Kansas to have the privilege of paying resident fees at Regents' institutions when their parents are no longer stationed in the state of Kansas provided they graduate from a high school accredited by the State Board of Education within six months of enrollment and are, at the time of graduation from such a high school or while enrolled and in attendance at such a high school prior to graduation, therefrom dependents of persons in military service within the State.

The Kansas Board of Regents approved pursuing this initiative at its November 1994 Board meeting.

In the Fall of 1994, Kansas State of University had 14 students who were dependents of military personnel who had been transferred to stations outside of Kansas and, even though they were graduates of Kansas high schools, they were no longer eligible for resident fee privileges. Six of these students were new entering freshmen.

The Senate Education Committee amended the bill regarding retiring personnel who leave the state. We are supportive of this change, however, this would impact our original fiscal note. The amount of tuition uncollected would be reduced due to the Senate amendment.

At a time when the State of Kansas is doing everything possible to keep its military installations from being considered for closure or downsizing, it is particularly important for us to treat dependents of military personnel in the same manner we treat dependents of non-military personnel who graduate from Kansas high schools and enroll at Regents' institutions.

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