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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 11:00 a.m. on February 21, 1997 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Wulfkuhle, Committee Secretary

Others attending:

The committee showed no interest in working HCR 5007 - Resolution directing the state board of education to study school district organization.

The committee showed no interest in removing HB 2003 - School districts, authorization of fee for pupil transportation, limitations from the table.

HB 2285 - School districts, curriculum, accreditation, pupil assessment, school site councils, American history documents

Representative Franklin made a motion to report HB 2285 favorably for passage. Representative Shore seconded the motion.

Representative Franklin provided the committee with a balloon amendment that, he hoped, would solve some concerns with the bill. (Attachment 1) He proceeded to explain the amendments.

Representative Franklin made a motion to amend in the balloon amendments. Representative Shore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Reardon stated that this bill deals with a lot of subjects. He was concerned that while private education usually accepts the "historical documents" as originally written that public schools might not be as acceptable. He made a motion to table the bill. Representative Toelkes seconded the motion. The motion failed 8-10.

Representative Wempe made a motion to replace in Section F, 2, line 38 "registered voter" with "each local school board with the information being made a public record". Representative Larkin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Stone commented that in order to receive the best results the test should be administered state-wide at the same time. He made a motion to have the State Board select a test to be administered in each district after October 15, 1998. The timing of the test should be administered within a consistent time frame. Representative Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Stone made a motion to delay implementation of the test to July 30, 1998 and October 15, 1998. Representative Franklin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Larkin felt that New Section 2 was not needed because many schools have items that are listed in this Section on display. He made a motion to strike New Section 2. Representative Toelkes seconded the motion.

Representative Tanner made a substitute motion to strike New Section 2 (c) and insert the following "Assigned readings may be required as a supplement to the materials to be mastered in a course of human civilization. Such readings shall be available in an unexpurgated version and shall be presented as a record of the people which neither promotes or diminishes social or religious values." Representative Ballou seconded the motion. The motion failed 9-10.

The previous motion carried 10-9.

Representative Storm made a motion to strike in line 39 from "skills" through section (b) and add on line 34 add "National Assessment of Educational Progress". Representative Reardon seconded the motion. Representative Thimesch requested that the motion be divided.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m. on February 21, 1997.

A. Adding "National Assessment of Educational Progress" in line 34. - The motion carried.

B. Reinsert the original language on line 39 from "skills" through section(b) - The motion carried.

Representative Franklin made a motion to report **HB 2285** favorably, as amended, for passage. Representative Storm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 1997.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Jacquie Oake	SQE
Robin Lehman	Olathe USD 233
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Quard Anderson	USA of KS
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Kathi Knox	⊗
Dorothy Kosko Jelles	LWV

HOUSE BILL No. 2285

By Representatives Franklin, Bradley, Compton, Donovan, Freeborn, Gilmore, Horst, Howell, Humerickhouse, Kejr, P. Long, Mayans, Mays, McClure, McCreary, Mollenkamp, Pauls, Powell, Ruff, Tanner, Thimesch, Toplikar and Vickrey

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12 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to accreditation, curriculum,
13 pupil assessments; affecting composition of school site councils; re-
14 quiring provision of certain information; authorizing the reading and
15 posting of certain documents on American history; amending K.S.A.
16 1996 Supp. 72-6439 and repealing the existing section.

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18 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

19 Section 1. K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows: 72-6439. (a) In order to accomplish the mission for Kansas ed-
21 ucation, the state board of education shall design and adopt a school
22 performance accreditation system based upon improvement in perform-
23 ance that reflects high academic standards and is measurable. *The state*
24 *board shall monitor school district participation in the system. Boards*
25 *shall design curriculum, set goals, and submit required data to the state*
26 *board. The state board shall monitor district school safety, truancy levels,*
27 *drop out rates, nationally normed test averages, Kansas assessment test*
28 *averages, and involvement of parents and the community. An accredita-*
29 *tion policy shall be communicated to districts by August 1998, and shall*
30 *be continually improved as needed.*

31 (b) *The state board shall select one nationally normed test for admin-*
32 *istration across each district. The selected test shall have wide distribution*
33 *such as the Iowa test of basic skills (ITBS), the Metropolitan achievement*
34 *test (MAT), or the California achievement test (CAT). In addition to ad-*
35 *ministration of the nationally normed test, the state board of education*
36 *shall provide for state assessments in the core academic areas of mathe-*
37 *matics, science, reading, writing composition, and social studies, and shall*
38 *establish curriculum standards for such core academic areas critical think-*
39 *ing skills. The nationally normed test shall test the basic core academic*
40 *areas. The state assessments shall be administered at three grade levels,*
41 *as determined by the state board reduced in scope by 50% in length of*
42 *pupil testing time in comparison to 1996 Kansas assessment time. The*
43 *curriculum standards shall be equal to the best standards and shall be*

[] or other widely distributed achievement tests

[] social studies

[] a minimum of
[] current

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1 reviewed at least every three years. The state board shall ensure com-
 2 patibility between the statewide assessments and the curriculum stan-
 3 dards. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed in any manner so as
 4 to impinge upon any district's authority to determine its own curriculum
 5 state assessments shall be condensed so as to omit areas and basic skills
 6 covered by the selected nationally normed test.

7 (c) The state board of education shall determine performance levels
 8 on the statewide assessments, the achievement of which represents ex-
 9 cellence in the academic area at the grade level to which the assessment
 10 applies. The state board should specify the measure of excellence both
 11 for individual performance and school performance on the assessments.

12 (d) Each school in every district shall establish a school site council
 13 composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other
 14 school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business
 15 community, and other community groups. ~~There shall be at least eight~~
 16 ~~parents, five teachers, and two business or community leaders on the~~
 17 ~~council.~~ School site councils shall be responsible for providing advice and
 18 counsel in evaluating state, school district, and school site performance
 19 goals and objectives and in determining the methods that should be em-
 20 ployed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. *The state*
 21 *board shall develop simple indices to measure parental involvement and*
 22 *community involvement, such as parent as teacher programs, mentor pro-*
 23 *grams, vitality in PTA activity and aggressiveness in formation of school-*
 24 *business partnerships. The state board shall develop an outcome objective*
 25 *for parental and community involvement and shall encourage boards to*
 26 *develop programs that strengthen parent participation.*

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27 (e) On or before January 1, 1997 in each school year, the state board
 28 of education shall prepare a public education performance report card
 29 consisting of statewide aggregated data pertaining to performance on
 30 statewide assessments and other measurable performance indicators
 31 specified by the state board as part of the accreditation system. The report
 32 card shall be designed to show comparative data over multiple years, as
 33 determined by the state board. In addition to the public education per-
 34 formance report card, the state board shall prepare a school building
 35 report card for each school building operated by a district and shall pro-
 36 vide the board of each district with information showing the statewide
 37 data and school building data, including multiple year data.

The indices to measure parental and community involvement shall not be used to measure the ability of a board to engender such involvement, nor shall the outcome objective for parental and community involvement be imposed as an objective to be attained by a board.

38 (f) The state board shall provide each registered voter with a report
 39 showing five year graphical trends of their district's nationally normed
 40 composite test score compared to the state average for each appropriate
 41 grade. The report shall also include a separate five year graphical trend
 42 of district total budgets, with administrative cost trends and pupil FTE
 43 trends. Lastly, the state board shall provide five year trends indicating

1 *parental and community involvement. Administrative costs shall include*
 2 *any school district employee that does not spend a minimum of ~~six hours~~*
 3 *~~each day~~ teaching pupils. The graphs shall be made in a reader friendly*
 4 *manner and shall contain only the three bar graphs and disclosure state-*
 5 *ment from the state board. The graphs shall be mailed in September of*
 6 *even-numbered years.*

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7 (f) (g) Under the direction of Kansas, Inc., and subject to appropri-
 8 ations therefor, a study evaluating changes in pupil performance attrib-
 9 utable to the school accreditation system shall be conducted between July
 10 1 and November 30, 1997. The main purpose of the study shall be to
 11 ascertain, through evaluation of the 48 school districts that began imple-
 12 mentation of the school performance accreditation process in the 1991-
 13 92 school year, the extent of the change in pupil academic performance
 14 under the system and to provide an explanation of the factors that have
 15 contributed materially to the changes that have occurred. The study shall
 16 be based on data for the 1996-97 school year. The results of the study
 17 shall be reported to the legislature at the commencement of the 1998
 18 session. Kansas, Inc. shall convene an advisory committee for assistance
 19 in designing the study, providing direction for the conducting of research,
 20 analyzing research findings, and preparing the report of the results of the
 21 study. The advisory committee shall consist of not less than seven and
 22 not more than 11 members and shall be representative of the state board
 23 of education, teachers, school administrators, boards of education, busi-
 24 ness, and the public. Members of the advisory committee attending meet-
 25 ings of the committee or subcommittee meetings authorized by Kansas,
 26 Inc. shall be paid amounts provided for in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-
 27 3223, and amendments thereto.

The nationally normed test shall be selected on
 or before July 30, 1997, and shall be
 administered for the first time after September
 20, 1997. The information required to be
 provided registered voters pursuant to this
 subsection shall be reported for the first time
 in July of 2000.

28 New Sec. 2. (a) The board of education of each school district may
 29 authorize all certificated employees of the district to read and post in any
 30 school building or classroom or at any school event any of the following:

- 31 (1) The national motto;
- 32 (2) The national anthem;
- 33 (3) The pledge of allegiance;
- 34 (4) The Kansas Constitution;
- 35 (5) The Declaration of Independence;
- 36 (6) The United States Constitution;
- 37 (7) The Mayflower Compact;
- 38 (8) The writings, speeches, documents and proclamations of the
- 39 Founding Fathers and the Presidents of the United States;
- 40 (9) The writings, speeches, and documents emanating from Colonial,
- 41 Revolutionary and Federalist eras;
- 42 (10) The writings, speeches, and documents of Leaders of the Civil
- 43 Rights Movement in the United States.

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- 1 (11) United States Supreme Court decisions; and
- 2 (12) Acts of the United States Congress.

3 (b) There shall be no exclusion of American history in this state in
 4 the writings, documents and records described in subsection (a).

5 (c) There shall be no discriminatory revision of American history or
 6 heritage based on religious references in the writings, documents and
 7 records described in subsection (a). The writings, documents and records

8 described in subsection (a) shall be presented in a manner which ~~neither~~
 9 ~~further the establishment of a specific religion nor demeans any mode~~

10 ~~of worship~~

does not further

11 New Sec. 3. The state board of education is encouraged to distribute
 12 a copy of this act, immediately after the effective date thereof, to the
 13 board of education of each school district in the state. The superintendent
 14 of each such school district shall distribute copies of the act to all certifi-
 15 cated personnel of the school district.

16 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 72-6439 is hereby repealed.

17 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
 18 publication in the statute book.