

Approved: 4-4-97
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on February 24, 1997 in Room 519-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: See attached list

HCR 5014 - Directing the State Board of Education to define basic education and determine a suitable funding base.

Representative Tanner made a motion to adopt a proposed substitute resolution (Attachment 1) for HCR 5014. Representative Morrison seconded the motion.

Representative Reardon told the committee that even if the language was changed those who called as opponents to the resolution would believe that the intent was still to do away with arts & music.

Representative Empson pointed out that current statutes, K.S.A. 72-1101, 1103 & 1117, list the requirements for graduation and requirements for pre-college classes. Avis Swartzman explained that the state mandates very few curriculum items but these three statutes do mandate items.

Chairman O'Neal reminded the committee that during hearings there was testimony that there was already a definition and that the subjects that were listed were not a basic education and should include more. The Chairman believed that the state board would define a basic education as more than the statute suggest but less than what is now offered.

Committee members asked if there was a fiscal note. Staff responded that because resolutions are different than bills, no fiscal notes are done. Representative Horst requested that the State Board of Education do a fiscal note for the committee.

Representative Storm commented that because the "damage has been done" with the constituents and because the statute already defines what is required she made a substitute motion to table the bill. Representative Flaharty seconded the motion.

The committee discussed the fact that if the motion to adopt the substitute resolution was passed the committee would be working off the new resolution.

With permission of the second Representative Storm withdrew her motion.

Representative Larkin made a substitute motion to abolish the self-executing powers of the board of education. His motion received no second.

The motion to adopt the substitute resolution carried.

Representative Storm renewed her motion to table the bill. Representative Flaharty seconded the motion.

The motion carried 10-8.

HB 2147 - Teachers and administrators, contract nonrenewal or termination of notification dates

Representative Shore made a motion to report HB 2147 favorably for passage. Representative Aurand seconded the motion.

Representative Reardon made a substitute motion to table the bill. Representative Storm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m. on February 24, 1997.

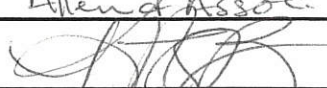
HB 2256 - Regulation of high school activities

Representative Wells made a motion to table **HB 2256**. Representative Toelkes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 1997.

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SUB. FOR HCR NO. 5014

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the State Board of Education to define the components of an essential core curriculum that should be offered in every school district, to recommend a suitable State funding base for that essential core curriculum, and to make a report thereon to the Committees on Education of the Senate and House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, An adequate public education is considered as essential to the development and well-being of our children, and the State of Kansas, since statehood, has financed public schools through state taxes and other mechanisms provided by the Legislature, including local effort: and

WHEREAS, The Legislature is charged by the Kansas Constitution with the responsibility of providing for intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement by establishing and maintaining public schools, educational institutions and related activities which may be organized and changed in such manner as may be provided by law : and

WHEREAS, The Legislature is charged by the Kansas Constitution to make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state: and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Constitution requires that local public schools under the general supervision of the state board of education shall be maintained, developed and operated by locally elected boards, which may, when authorized by law, make and carry out agreements for cooperative operation and administration of educational programs under the general supervision of the state board of education, subject to limitation, change or termination by the Legislature: and

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education is charged by the Kansas Constitution with general supervision of the public schools and other educational interests of the state and shall perform such other duties as may be provided by law; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of Kansas has held that the basic mission of the State Board of Education is to equalize and promote the quality of education for the students of this state and that the Legislature may enact legislation to facilitate or assist the State Board in carrying out its constitutional mission; and

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Attachment 1

WHEREAS, The Legislature, in addressing its constitutional charge to provide suitable funding for public education, has an interest in determining the components of an essential core curriculum that should be offered in every school district, and determining a suitable State funding base for that essential core curriculum: and

WHEREAS, The Legislature acknowledges that a quality education encompasses a variety of educational offerings in addition to an essential core curriculum and that local school boards should help develop those enhanced curricular offerings and local effort should continue to play a vital role in the funding of the variety of educational offerings developed by the state and local boards: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature, in recognition of the facts contained in the preamble of this resolution and being aware of the necessity of having a definition of an essential core curriculum in order to make suitable provision for the ^{Funding of} public educational interests by the State, as contemplated by the Kansas Constitution, hereby directs the State Board of Education to define the components of an essential core curriculum to be available in every school district in the state; and

Be it further resolved: That upon adoption of its definition of an essential core curriculum and specification of the academic components thereof, the State Board of Education is hereby requested to cause each school district in the state to report to the State Board of Education the costs, sufficiently itemized and with supporting documentation, that would be incurred by the district in providing that essential core curriculum; and

Be it further resolved: That the State Board of Education is hereby directed, upon receipt of the reports required from the school districts regarding the costs associated with providing the essential core curriculum, to recommend a suitable state funding base for that curriculum and to report the same to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives at the commencement of the 1998 Session of the Legislature; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the State Board of Education and to the Commissioner of Education, 120 S.E. 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182.