

Approved *B. Lawrence*  
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on January 15, 1997 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others attending: See attached list

Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order and asked for bill introduction.

Senator Lee explained the legislation that she will introduce that deals with an adult that returns to high school and, rather than attend a GED program, wishes to attend classes with high school students.

Several comments were made by various members of the committee as to current law. Staff commented that it could see no constitutional ramifications.

Senator Lee would like to have some type of legislation that would make it the Board's discretion to make the determination as to whether a student would attend a GED program or attend class.

Senator Lee moved to introduce the bill with a second by Senator Umbarger.  
The motion carried.

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards, came forward with three pieces of legislation that the association would like to see introduced.

The first request is to increase the maximum short term student suspension from five to ten days.

Senator Emert moved the bill introduction with a second by Senator Langworthy.  
The motion carried.

The second request was to provide local school boards with home rule powers.  
Senator Langworthy moved the bill introduction with a second by Senator Umbarger.  
The motion carried.

The third request was to require mandatory continuing education for school board members.  
Senator Emert moved the bill introduction with a second by Senator Jones.

Seeing no other business before the committee, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 1997.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Diane Gjerstad	USD 259
Ken Behr	Assoc of Community Colleges
Craig Grant	HNEA
Mushel Boer	cit.
Mark Tallman	KASB
Jacque Daker	SQE
Tom Allen	KEC