

Approved: April 10, 1999
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 1:15 p.m. on March 26, 1999 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Tanner withdrew his motion to amend **SB 171** proposal (L9940) with proposal (L9936) and with no objection from Representative Bethel who was the seconder.

Chairman Tanner asked that the committee look at the provision of **SB 344** as passed by the Senate. The bill contains a decreasing enrollment provision. This is identical to the concept contained in Representative Empson's amendment to **SB 171**, except that it does not include the 100 FTE pupil floor. (L9940). (Attachment 1)

This bill also contains the four-year-old at-risk pupil enrollment adjustment feature contained in **SB 171**.

Representative Mason made a motion to amend the proposal for a comprehensive study of the public school system that the system could be more efficiently and effectively operated under a different configuration. Representative Ballou seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Faber recorded as voting no. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Tanner made a motion to amend the following: removes the 100 student floor, an additional \$50 on base from \$3,720 to \$3,770 and 3.1 million as proposed in **SB 344** for the rolling three year average into **SB 171**. Representative Lightner seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Light made a motion to eliminate the floor of 100 students in sharply declining enrollments. Representative Empson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Helgerson, Representative Faber, and Representative Thimesch recorded as voting no.

Representative Horst made a motion to amend lowering the correlation weighting from 1725 to 1700 students. Representative Crow seconded the motion. The motion failed. Representative Faber, Representative Flaharty, Representative Crow, and Representative Wells recorded as voting yes. (Attachment 3)

Representative Empson made a motion for the three year funding plan of \$50 added to the base each year for the following two years. Represent Wells seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative O'Connor made a motion to move the base from \$67.00 to \$50.00. Representative Mason seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Empson motion to move **SB 171** favorably for passage, as amended. Representative Benlon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 1999.

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Diane Gjerstad	USD 259
Denise Oyst	USA / USD 500
Tom Allen	KEC / KFLC
Jacque Dake	SQE
Stacy Farmer	KASD
Craig Grant	HNFA
Mark DESETTI	KNEA
Bob Burch	KACCT - BUTLER TRUSTEE
Veryl Peter	KSD E
Hershel Paer	lit
Beilla Scott	USA
Bob Vaneman	Blue Valley USD 229
Keele Fahn	

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To: Representative Ralph Tanner

Office No.: 426-S

From: Ben F. Barrett, Director *BFB*

Re: School Finance Provisions of S.B. 344, As Passed by the Senate

The bill contains a decreasing enrollment provision:

Decreasing Enrollment. The decreasing enrollment provision of law is expanded to add the condition that the average of the sum of the enrollment for the current school year and for the two immediately preceding school years will be used in determining the district's State Financial Aid (school district general fund budget) when enrollment so determined is greater than the enrollment in either the current or immediately preceding school year.

This is identical to the concept contained in Representative Empson's amendment to S.B. 171, except that it does not include the 100 FTE pupil floor.

The bill also contains the four-year-old at-risk pupil enrollment adjustment feature contained in S.B. 171 and in Representative Empson's amendment.

S.B. 344, as introduced, dealt with the declining enrollment issue in a different manner, *i.e.*, in the same way as your proposed amendment to S.B. 171. It provided that if a district's "regular" enrollment has decreased from the enrollment in the preceding school year, the enrollment of the district may be computed on the basis of the enrollment in the preceding school year ***or the second preceding school year***, whichever is greatest.

The FY 2000 fiscal note on S.B. 344, as introduced, is about \$16.2 million. The FY 2000 fiscal note on S.B. 344, as passed by the Senate, is about \$3.1 million.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SB NO. 171
(As Amended by Senate Committee)

On page 7, following line 28, by inserting a new section as follows:

"New Sec. 8. (a) The state board of education shall undertake a comprehensive study of the organization of school districts in this state to determine if the public school system could be more efficiently and effectively operated under a different configuration. In making the study of school district organization, the state board of education shall: (1) Review grade level and school district enrollment and projected enrollment, pupil transportation requirements including the distances pupils must travel to attend the schools of a district and the proximity of schools in adjoining districts with respect to pupils having lengthy bus commutes, the capacity and condition of existing school facilities in each district, communities of interest in matters such as commerce and tradition, property tax bases of districts, and other matters deemed appropriate to the study; (2) determine and document the existence of problems with respect to matters reviewed and provide suggestions for solution or alleviation of such problems; (3) envision a configuration of school districts that would serve the needs of Kansas children, Kansas taxpayers, and Kansas society in the most efficient and effective manner attainable and design a comprehensive plan for attainment of such optimal configuration; (4) formulate recommendations for actualization of the comprehensive plan for attainment of the optimal school district configuration and for legislation deemed necessary for actualization of the plan; and (5) present findings of the study, the comprehensive plan for attainment of the optimal school district configuration, and recommendations with respect to actualization of the plan to the committee on education of the house of representatives and the committee on education of the senate on or before January 15, 2001.

(b) The state board of education may establish advisory committees and secure consultant services for assistance in performing the duties imposed in the foregoing subsection.";

By renumbering sections 8 and 9 as sections 9 and 10, respectively;

In the title, in line 14, after the semicolon, by inserting "requiring a study of school district organization;"

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 171
(As Amended by Senate Committee)

On page 3, in line 17, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700"; in line 20, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700"; in line 33, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700"; in line 36, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700";

On page 4, in line 10, by striking "\$3,770" and inserting "\$3,820";

On page 5, in line 16, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700";

On page 6, in line 9, by striking "300-1,724" and inserting "300-1,699";

On page 7, in line 12, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700"; in line 14, by striking "1,725" and inserting "1,700"