

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 2002 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Minutes for the meetings of March 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2002 were distributed.

A motion was made by Representative Phelps and seconded by Representative Benlon that these minutes be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote.

SB 402 - Charter schools; definitions, rules and regulations, program goals.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to copies of the notes on **SB 402** that were distributed. (Attachment 1).

Representative Lloyd moved that the state board may deny the approval of the petition if the petition contains program goals that may be accomplished without becoming a charter school. The motion was seconded by Representative Tomlinson. The motion to make this amendment to SB 402 passed on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative Benlon and seconded by Representative Huebert to amend the current statutes concerning teachers and administrators contracts of employment from May 1 and May 15 to June 15 and June 30.

Representative Benlon withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Representative Mason and seconded by Representative Benlon to extend time to 15 days from the adjournment of the veto session for notification and another 15 days for response from teachers. This would be within 30 days of adjournment from veto. The motion to amend SB 402 failed on a voice vote.

Representative Lloyd moved that SB 402 be passed favorably as amended out of Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Mason and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. No further meetings are scheduled at this time.

Notes on SB 402 Charter Schools Bill – LEPC

To: Representatives Tanner, Lloyd, Faber, Logan bill, and Storm.

The objective of this subcommittee is to make the charter school statute a stronger statute and provide a way for local school districts to use charter schools as a device to maintain an educational center at a time when enrollment decline threatens to phase out a school district.

Line 22 – Be sure that current law sunsets with the ending of all currently authorized charter schools, and this new statute takes over at that time.

Line 32 – Be sure that charter school is protected even if the charter school is the only school remaining in the district.

Line 1, p. 2-- Each charter school shall offer a general curriculum . . . What about a charter school that has a different objective than to offer a general curriculum, or one that operates “outside the box.?” Does “general” mean traditional?

Line 10, P. 3 – Size of student body in charter school. What is meant by “too many students”?

Line 19, p. 3 – “certificated employees.” What is meant by? May non-certificated employee be used? What are the criteria?

Line 32, p. 3 – How may QPA be addressed? How about deviation from the process? How about HR1 basis for accreditation? (Performance?)

Line 37, p. 3 -- pupils must be reasonable reflective of the racial and socio-economic makeup of the district. What about this?

Lines 11-22, p. 4 – “reasonably be expected to accomplish the program goals.” Shall the state board have the power to deny?

Line 23, p. 4 – Remove the cap of thirty charter schools.

House Education Committee
Date: 3/26/02
Attachment # 1