

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 1:35p.m. on February 9, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Anthony Hensley (excused)

Committee staff present:
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Board of Education

Others attending:
See Attached List

SB 346—Schools; virtual courses or schools; out-of-state pupils not counted for enrollment purposes

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Education, explained that **SB346** would provide that a pupil enrolled in a virtual school in a school district who is not a resident of the state will not be counted in the school district's enrollment. It is already the policy not to count nonresident students who attend virtual schools in Kansas for state aid purposes. **SB346** would make this policy statutory. Mr. Dennis explained that at least one school has a large number of nonresident virtual students and even some from other countries. It could get very expensive if all of these students were counted. It was never the intent to pay for nonresident students and Mr. Dennis advised that the State Board of Education felt obligated to bring this to the attention of the Committee. (Attachment 1)

SB 359—School districts; alternative schools and programs; enrollment

Dale Dennis continued with an explanation of **SB359**. Currently the official enrollment count for school district funding purposes is September 20. Many alternative school students are part-time because they are enrolled in programs that allow them to attend at their own pace. Some school districts require part-time students to attend school all day September 20 in order to inflate their enrollment count for school funding purposes. **SB359** would spread the enrollment count for alternative school students over an entire week, the purpose being to generate a more accurate count based on actual part-time attendance. Dale provided a handout that showed enrollment somewhat higher on the 20th, as much as 50% in some cases. If a student is part time, he is to be counted as a partial student and the school receives funding as such. Again, the Board felt obligated to make the legislature aware. (Attachment 2)

Senator Schodorf made a motion to recommend **SB346** favorably for passage. Seconded by Senator Downey. Motion carried.

Senator Vratil made a motion to amend **SB359** changing the word "alternate" to "alternative" on page 3, line 13. Seconded by Senator Downey. Motion carried.

Senator Vratil made a motion to recommend **SB359** as amended favorably for passage. Seconded by Senator Bunten. Vote was 9 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 2:13 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2004.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE - 2-9-04

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Jane Steve	Keerny's Assoc
Brady Kickhafer	Sen. Teichman
Janna Riffel	Holton High School
Body Hill	Holton High School
Jason Larison, AgEd Instructor	Kansas Association of Ag Educators
Clint Blaes	Kansas FFA Association
Denise Aipt	U.S.D. # 500
Mark Tallman	K.A.S.B.
Shari Hand, Derby H.S.	Ks. Assn Career & Tech Ed
Dustin Haroldson	Little Government Relations
Diane Gjerstad	Wichita Public Schools
Hugh A. Watts	Kansas Farm Bureau
TERREY FORSYTH	KNEA
Val DeFever	SQE
KENT HORN	USA
Veryl Peter	KS. St. Dept. of Ed
Jerry Roseim	Salina Area Tech
Stuart Little	Shawnee Mission 512
Amanda Lindahl	Chapman High School (FFA)
Sarah Sexton	Chapman FFA
Cynthia Hoffman	Chapman FFA



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February 9, 2004

TO: Senate Education Committee

FROM: Dale M. Dennis, Deputy
Commissioner of Education

SUBJECT: 2004 Senate Bill 346

Senate Bill 346 provides that pupils enrolled in a virtual school in a unified school district that is not a resident of the state will not be counted in the school district's enrollment.

School districts have been very cooperative in the past not counting out-of-state virtual students in their enrollments as specified in the state audit guide.

A statute would clarify any potential problems which could be very expensive to the State of Kansas.

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TO: Senate Education Committee

FROM: Dale M. Dennis, Deputy
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SUBJECT: 2004 Senate Bill 359

Senate Bill 359 amends the procedures for counting part-time students enrolled in alternative programs/schools to use the week of September 20 for determining the FTE enrollment versus September 20.

Most school districts have been very cooperative and tried to follow the intent of the law which provides that September 20 is the official count date. There have been instances where alternative schools alter their schedules in order to increase enrollment. We believe it would be more equitable to the students and school districts if the week of September 20 were used for the official enrollment count rather than September 20.

This provision would only apply to alternative programs/schools that consist of primarily part-time students. These programs/schools serve a great purpose and provide outstanding programs for students who are not able to attend school full-time.

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Attachment 2*

Number of minutes each student was in attendance.

Count day for 2003-04 = September 22, 2003

2.2

NAME	September, 2003														October, 2003						Days with Attendance					
	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29		30	1	2	3	6
1															60							60				2
2				120		165									360											3
3	180			120																						2
4	180										90				180											3
5															180	180	270	150	360	60				60		7
6															60											1
7					120										60											13
8															150		120									13
9	120		120	120	120	120		120		120	120		60		180	120						120		60		13
10			180										180													2
11							180	240	180	270		210	60		360			90			60			90		10
12			180				180	300		180	120				360	90			90	120			210			10
13																										0
14	60				120			90			120				360	180	180	360	180	240	180	180	180	180	180	15
15	360	360	180	180	180	360	180	180	180	360	240	270	180	180	360	300	300	180	180	180	300	180	180	180	195	25
16							180	180	180	360	270	180	180	180	360	180	180	180	180	300	180	180	180	180	300	19
17	120			180				120	120				120	120	360					240					360	9
18							180								360								150	90	210	5
19	120		120	120		120									360											5
20						120		60							360	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	13
21	180	180	180	360	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	420	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	25
22							180	240		120		210	60		360			90			60			90		9
23															360					120						2
24											60	120	60		360		210	120								6
25											330				360	150				60						4
26							60								360											2
27	120					120						120			360	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	240	14
28					120										360	180	180	180	180	240	180	180	180	180	180	13
29						165									360	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	12
30															360											1
31	180	180			180						60	120	60		360		150	210								9
32															360	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	11
33															360	180	180	240	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	11
34											150	150			360					60						4
35	180	360	180	360		360	180	360		360		360		360	360	270				360	180		180	360	180	18
36			180									120														2
37	30	60	42	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60		60	60	60	60	60	30	24
Students attending	12	5	9	9	8	10	10	12	6	15	14	11	12	7	32	18	15	17	15	17	18	15	17	17	16	

Shaded = Not enrolled