

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 AM on March 8, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Dennis, Dep. Comm. Of Ed
Jim Hathaway, USD 204
Eldon Chlumsky, Wichita Public Schools

SB 42 - concerning teacher; relating to certification thereof; amending K.S.A. 72-1387 and repealing the existing section.

Brief - SB 42 would remove the teacher certification fee limitation and allow the State Board of Education to set the licensure fee for all Kansas teachers and administrators.

Dale Dennis testified before the Committee, recommending that K.S.A. 72-1387 be amended to permit the State Board to determine the licensure fee and strike language which places a cap of \$24 per license. (Attachment 1).

Discussion followed.

With no other questions or comments, Chairman Decker closed the hearing on **SB 42**.

SB 43 - concerning payments to schools for driver training courses; amending K.S.A. 8-272 and repealing the existing section.

Brief - SB 43, as amended, would do the following: remove the stipulation that \$1,540,000 is to be distributed each year to school districts for driver training courses; removed the stipulation that \$210,000 is to be distributed each year to school districts for motorcycle safety courses; and remove the stipulation that \$70,000 is to be distributed each year to school districts for truck driver training courses.

Dale Dennis testified before the Committee. Looking at the bill on line 24, he pointed out to the Committee that the appropriation amount is in the statute. (Attachment 2). A recommendation was made that the dollar limit in K.S.A. 8-272 be eliminated and that the amount earmarked, without a limitation be available for distribution to schools to reimburse them for the number of students completing driver education. We currently reimburse school districts approximately \$84 per driver education student which equates to about 27 percent of the districts' cost for driver education. Amending K.S.A. 8-272 would have the effect of offsetting the cost to the students and their parents as well as transfers from the schools districts' operating funds.

Discussion followed.

Next to testify as a proponent for **SB 43** was James Hathaway. A handout by district name and USD number was distributed, showing public and private districts that offer driver education. A total of 298 schools were on the list. (Attachment 3).

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Education Committee at 9:00 AM on March 8, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Eldon Chlumsky appeared as a proponent for **SB 43**, (Attachment 4). As a district that supports driver education for a major community in his state, he encouraged the Committee to remove the cap placed on Driver Education funds, thus allowing the Kansas State Department of Education to appropriately distribute such funds to approved driver education programs across the state.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Representative Craft and seconded by Representative Horst to work SB 42.

Representative Yonally made a motion to do the technical clean up that has been recommended. Seconded by Representative Horst, the motion passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Storm to pass SB 42 favorably as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Storm made a motion to do a cleanup to reflect that the Board of Regents is responsible for the truck and part of the motorcycle driving training. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst and passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Loganbill to pass SB 43 favorably as amended. This was seconded by Representative Roth and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting of the full committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2005.



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March 8, 2005

TO: House Education Committee

FROM: Dale M. Dennis, Deputy
Commissioner of Education

SUBJECT: 2005 Senate Bill 42

Senate Bill 42 amends K.S.A. 72-1387 and allows the State Board of Education to set the licensure fee for all Kansas teachers and administrators.

Current law provides that the State Board of Education is required to determine the licensure fee for the renewal of teacher licenses. The current fee of \$24 has been in effect since 1986. Due to efficiencies and computerization, we have been able to maintain the licensure fee at \$24. Revenue collected from this fee can only be used for licensure purposes.

After consulting with professional education organizations, we recommend that K.S.A. 72-1387 be amended to permit the State Board to determine the licensure fee and strike language which places a cap of \$24 per license.

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House Education Committee
Date: 3-8-05
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TO: House Education Committee

FROM: Dale M. Dennis, Deputy
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SUBJECT: 2005 Senate Bill 43

Senate Bill 43 amends statutes concerning the state safety fund which provides funding for driver education courses approved by the State Board of Education.

Current law provides that a portion of the driver's license fees will be distributed to school districts based upon the number of students who have completed driver education and met the criteria established by the State Board of Education. This law provides a cap of \$1,540,000 which may be distributed on an annual basis.

The Kansas Legislature amended KSA 8-272 in 2003 and increased driver's license fees resulting in additional funds in the State Safety Fund (driver education reimbursement). As a result of increased fees, there is more money available for distribution to school districts than the statute allows.

We recommend that the dollar limit in KSA 8-272 be eliminated and that the amount earmarked, without a limitation, be available for distribution to schools to reimburse them for the number of students completing driver education.

We currently reimburse school districts approximately \$84 per driver education student which equates to about 27 percent of the districts' cost for driver education. Amending KSA 8-272 would have the effect of offsetting the cost to the students and their parents as well as transfers from the school districts' operating funds.

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House Education Committee
Date: 3-8-05
Attachment # 2

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PROPONENT FOR SENATE BILL 43

It is a pleasure for me to speak to you today as a proponent for Senate Bill 43. As you know, a percentage of all drivers' license fees collected by the Department of Revenue is deposited in the State Safety Fund of the Department of Education and is earmarked for driver education. As these fees have been increased, more money has been added to the State Safety Fund balance. The Department of Education has been limited, however, in the amount distributed to school districts for driver education courses even though these additional funds have been collected and are available.

With the cost of fuel, insurance, maintenance, and instructor salaries all increasing over the past few years, the formula for current reimbursement is not keeping up with these rising costs, and it is placing more burden on the 298 public/private schools that are currently offering driver education programs. This amendment is not asking for additional funds, only your support in making these funds available. Therefore, the amendment is very appropriate at this time to allow the Department of Education to aid schools in continuing to offer this valuable course that helps shape a young person's attitude about safety in an automobile, and, hopefully, attain a level of skill that will enable them to survive their teen years and make good driving decisions. It has been long recognized that parents look to these accredited courses for professional help in teaching their kids to drive. In the state of Kansas, a student is required to complete a driver education course to get a Restricted license at age 15 and insurance discounts are available as well. Therefore, I urge you to support this amendment to SB 43. It is a win-win situation for all parties concerned.

James C. Hathaway

House Education Committee
Date: 3-8-05
Attachment # 3-1

DISTRICTS THAT OFFERED DRIVER EDUCATION IN 2003-04
 Total number of public and private districts that offer driver ed: 298

<u>District Name and USD No.</u>	<u>District Name and USD No.</u>	<u>District Name and USD No.</u>
Abilene - D0435	Concordia - D0333	Hillcrest Rural Schools - D0455
Altoona-Midway - D0387	Conway Springs - D0356	Hoisington - D0431
Andover - D0385	Crest - D0479	Holcomb - D0363
Anthony-Harper - D0361	Cunningham - D0332	Holton - D0336
Argonia Public Schools - D0359	De Soto - D0232	Hoxie Community Schools - D0412
Arkansas City - D0470	Deerfield - D0216	Hugoton Public Schools - D0210
Ashland - D0220	Derby - D0260	Humboldt - D0258
Atchison Co Comm Schools - D0377	Dexter - D0471	*Hutchinson Comm College - J0811
Atchison Public Schools - D0409	Dighton - D0482	Hutchinson Public Schools - D0308
Attica - D0511	Dodge City - D0443	Independence - D0446
Auburn Washburn - D0437	Douglass Public Schools - D0396	*Independence Comm College - J0812
Augusta - D0402	Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh - D0410	*Independent School - Z0047
Axtell - D0488	Easton - D0449	Ingalls - D0477
B & B - D0451	El Dorado - D0490	Inman - D0448
Baldwin City - D0348	Elk Valley - D0283	Iola - D0257
Barber County North - D0254	Elkhart - D0218	Jayhawk - D0346
Barnes - D0223	Ell-Saline - D0307	Jefferson County North - D0339
Basehor-Linwood - D0458	Ellinwood Public Schools - D0355	Jefferson West - D0340
Baxter Springs - D0508	Ellis - D0388	Jetmore - D0227
Belle Plaine - D0357	Ellsworth - D0327	Jewell - D0279
Beloit - D0273	Elwood - D0486	Kansas City - D0500
Blue Valley - D0384	Emporia - D0253	*Kansas City Catholic Diocese - Z0029
Blue Valley - D0229	Erie-St Paul - D0101	*Kansas City Kansas Comm College - J0814
Bluestem - D0205	Eudora - D0491	Kaw Valley - D0321
Bonner Springs - D0204	Eureka - D0389	Kingman - Norwich - D0331
Brewster - D0314	Fairfield - D0310	Kinsley-Offerle - D0347
Bucklin - D0459	Flinthills - D0492	Kismet-Plains - D0483
Buhler - D0313	Fort Scott - D0234	Labette County - D0506
Burlingame Public School - D0454	Fowler - D0225	LaCrosse - D0395
Burlington - D0244	Fredonia - D0484	Lakin - D0215
Burrton - D0369	Frontenac Public Schools - D0249	Lansing - D0469
*Butler Co Comm College - J0802	Ft Larned - D0495	Lawrence - D0497
Caldwell - D0360	Ft Leavenworth - D0207	Leavenworth - D0453
Caney Valley - D0436	Galena - D0499	Lebo-Waverly - D0243
Canton-Galva - D0419	Garden City - D0457	Leoti - D0467
Cedar Vale - D0285	Gardner Edgerton - D0231	LeRoy-Gridley - D0245
Central - D0462	Garnett - D0365	Lewis - D0502
Central Heights - D0288	Geary County Schools - D0475	Liberal - D0480
Centre - D0397	Girard - D0248	Lincoln - D0298
Chanute Public Schools - D0413	Goddard - D0265	Little River - D0444
Chapman - D0473	Goessel - D0411	Logan - D0326
Chase County - D0284	Golden Plains - D0316	Lorraine - D0328
Chase-Raymond - D0401	Goodland - D0352	Louisburg - D0416
Chautauqua Co Community - D0286	Great Bend - D0428	Lyndon - D0421
Cheney - D0268	Greeley County Schools - D0200	Lyons - D0405
Cherokee - D0247	Greensburg - D0422	Macksville - D0351
Cherryvale - D0447	Halstead - D0440	Madison-Virgil - D0386
Chetopa - D0505	Hamilton - D0390	Maize - D0266
Cheylin - D0103	Hanston - D0228	Manhattan - D0383
Cimarron-Ensign - D0102	Haven Public Schools - D0312	Marais Des Cygnes Valley - D0456
Circle - D0375	Haviland - D0474	Marion-Florence - D0408
Claffin - D0354	Hays - D0489	Marmaton Valley - D0256
Clay Center - D0379	Haysville - D0261	Marysville - D0364
Clearwater - D0264	Healy Public Schools - D0468	McLouth - D0342
Clifton-Clyde - D0224	Herington - D0487	McPherson - D0418
Coffeyville - D0445	Hesston - D0460	Meade - D0226
Colby Public Schools - D0315	Hiawatha - D0415	Midway Schools - D0433
Columbus - D0493	Highland - D0425	Mill Creek Valley - D0329
Comanche County - D0300	Hill City - D0281	Minneola - D0219

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Mission Valley - D0330	Salina - D0305	*Wichita Catholic Diocese - Z0031
Montezuma - D0371	*Salina Catholic Diocese - Z0030	Winfield - D0465
Morris County - D0417	Santa Fe Trail - D0434	Woodson - D0366
Moscow Public Schools - D0209	Satanta - D0507	
Mulvane - D0263	*School for Deaf - S0610	
Nemaha Valley Schools - D0442	Scott County - D0466	
Neodesha - D0461	Seaman - D0345	
Ness City - D0303	Sedgwick Public Schools - D0439	
Newton - D0373	Shawnee Heights - D0450	
Nickerson - D0309	Shawnee Mission Pub Sch - D0512	
North Central - D0221	Silver Lake - D0372	
North Jackson - D0335	Skyline Schools - D0438	
North Lyon County - D0251	Smith Center - D0237	
North Ottawa County - D0239	Smoky Valley - D0400	
Northeast - D0246	Solomon - D0393	
Northern Valley - D0212	South Barber - D0255	
Norton Community Schools - D0211	South Haven - D0509	
Oakley - D0274	Southeast Of Saline - D0306	
Oberlin - D0294	Southern Cloud - D0334	
Olathe - D0233	Southern Lyon County - D0252	
Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton - D0322	Spearville - D0381	
Osage City - D0420	Spring Hill - D0230	
Osawatomie - D0367	St Francis Comm Sch - D0297	
Osborne County - D0392	St John-Hudson - D0350	
Oskaloosa Public Schools - D0341	Stafford - D0349	
Oswego - D0504	Stanton County - D0452	
Otis-Bison - D0403	Sterling - D0376	
Ottawa - D0290	Stockton - D0271	
Palco - D0269	Sublette - D0374	
Paola - D0368	Sylvan Grove - D0299	
Paradise - D0399	Syracuse - D0494	
Parsons - D0503	Tonganoxie - D0464	
Pawnee Heights - D0496	Triplains - D0275	
Peabody-Burns - D0398	Troy Public Schools - D0429	
Perry Public Schools - D0343	Turner-Kansas City - D0202	
Phillipsburg - D0325	Twin Valley - D0240	
Pike Valley - D0426	Udall - D0463	
Piper-Kansas City - D0203	Ulysses - D0214	
Pittsburg - D0250	Uniontown - D0235	
Plainville - D0270	Valley Center Pub Sch - D0262	
Pleasanton - D0344	Valley Heights - D0498	
Prairie Heights - D0295	Vermillion - D0380	
Prairie View - D0362	Victoria - D0432	
Pratt - D0382	Waconda - D0272	
Pretty Prairie - D0311	Wakeeney - D0208	
Quinter Public Schools - D0293	Wallace County Schools - D0241	
Rawlins County - D0105	Wamego - D0320	
Remington-Whitewater - D0206	Washington Schools - D0222	
Renwick - D0267	Wathena - D0406	
Republic County - D0427	Wellington - D0353	
Riley County - D0378	Wellsville - D0289	
Riverton - D0404	Weskan - D0242	
Rock Creek - D0323	West Elk - D0282	
Rolla - D0217	West Franklin - D0287	
Rose Hill Public Schools - D0394	West Smith County - D0238	
Royal Valley - D0337	Western Plains - D0106	
Rural Vista - D0481	Wheatland - D0292	
Russell County - D0407	White Rock - D0104	
Sabetha - D0441	Wichita - D0259	

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Wichita Public Schools
Senate Bill 43 Hearing Notes
3.8.05
Driver Education
 General Overview

- Driver Education programs are supported in all seven comprehensive high schools including East, Heights, North, Northwest, South, Southeast, and West.
- The program consists of three aspects including classroom instruction, simulation instruction, and behind the wheel instruction.
- 15.2 FTE positions are budgeted, 16 teachers are supported either fully or partially with the 15.2 position count. 13 of the Driver Education teachers teach Driver Education full time. Two additional staff members are funded through the Special Education budget.
- We have multiple programs within every school year that include **Regular Driver Education** during the school day, **Evening Driver Education** (at East High) on multiple evenings and weekends, **Summer Driver Education** that occurs during a six week session during June and July, and **Special Education Driver Education** that is housed at East High School during the regular school day.
- USD 259 operates the largest Driver Education program within the state of Kansas. Our successful completion student numbers have been very stable at about 1750 total per year. This compares to the next two closest programs in our state with successful completion of students totaling 600 in USD 233 Olathe and 417 students in USD 229 Blue Valley this past year.
- In 1993, the legislators of our state of Kansas enacted the law that requires youth within our state to have successfully completed an approved course in Driver Education prior to being eligible for a restricted license at the age of 15.
- The Wichita Public Schools Board of Education enacted fee payments to offset the costs of Driver Education several years ago, along with these actions, students that qualify for reduced or free lunches are provided access to this course at reduced rates during the regular school year. The Wichita Public Schools has a proud history of providing the Driver Education course to all students within our community.
- Estimated percentages of students that paid reduced or free rates for Driver Education this school year, 2004-2005, per BOE policy are as follows with comparison to each school's reduced or free rates:

% per Driver Ed		% per School
75.6%	East High School	58.5%
75%	West High School	70.2%
79%	North High School	72.6%
70%	South High School	60.4%
55%	Southeast High School	54.7%
45%	Heights High School	42.9%
24%	Northwest High School	29%

- Students impacted in the Wichita Public Schools Driver Education Program:

404	East High School-256 plus 85 Special Ed and 63 Evening Program
213	West High School
232	North High School
194	South High School
259	Southeast High School
250	Heights High School
175	Northwest High School
373	Summer School 2004 at East and Northwest
2100	Students total served by the Driver Education Program 2004-2005

Example of funding compared to district Driver Education Budgets:

State aid received during 2002-2003 Actual \$147,806	Driver Ed Budget \$966,352
State aid received during 2003-2004 Actual \$147,430	Driver Ed Budget \$1,169,140

As a district that supports Driver Education for a major community in our state, we encourage you to remove the cap placed on Driver Education funds, thus allowing the Kansas State Department of Education to appropriately distribute such funds to approved Driver Education programs across our state.

Submitted by: Eldon L. Chlumsky, Coordinator, Driver Education, Wichita Public Schools