

MINUTES OF THE MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steven Morris at 10:30 a.m. on February 15, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jean Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Kramer, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tim Shallenburger, State Treasurer
Senator Lynn Jenkins
Bill Marshall, Help One Student To Succeed
Elizabeth McCoy, Team Leader for Integrated Services, Emporia

Others attending: See attached guest list

Bill Introductions

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Adkins, to introduce a bill (1rs0028) concerning child support enforcement; Kansas payment center. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to introduce a bill (1rs0135) concerning social welfare; relating to payment schedules for providers of adult care home services. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to introduce a bill (1rs 0037) concerning nursing facilities; salaries of staff personnel and ratio of nursing personnel to residents. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to approval of the minutes that were distributed for the meetings of January 16, 17 and 19, 2001. Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to approve the minutes of January 16, January 17 and January 19, 2001. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Huelskamp asked about information that was requested from the Department on Aging regarding the Wage Pass Through. Chairman Morris noted that he will ask staff to look into it.

2001 SRS Subcommittee report on SRS Hospitals

Mental Health Institutions (Attachment 1)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with adjustments and notations for FY 2002 as listed in the subcommittee report.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Developmental Disability Institutions (Attachment 2)

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2001.

Chairman Morris reported that the Subcommittee concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2002 with notations and adjustments as listed in the subcommittee report.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to adopt the Subcommittee budget report on the SRS Mental Health Institutions and Developmental Disability Institutions. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2017 - Kansas postsecondary education savings program expense fund

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Tim Shallenburger, Kansas State Treasurer, who spoke in support of **HB 2017** (Attachment 3). Treasurer Shallenburger explained that the bill makes a minor technical amendment to K.S.A. 75-648 which was enacted during the 1999 Legislative session as a part of **SB 45** that created the Kansas Postsecondary Education Savings Program. Treasurer Shallenburger proposed a substitute for **HB 2017** which will make the proposed legislation clearer to read as indicated in his testimony. Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked State Treasurer Shallenburger for his appearance before the Committee.

There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2017**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 135 - FY 2002 appropriations for structured mentoring program/reading recovery program

Staff who briefed the Committee on the bill (Attachment 4).

Chairman Morris welcomed Senator Lynn Jenkins who spoke in support of SB 135 (Attachment 5). Senator Jenkins mentioned that there is a need to direct programs toward the students that need help, not major education reforms. There is currently a program that uses volunteer community service directed by an educational expert and it is her belief that we simply need to expand it. Senator Jenkins explained that structured mentoring is a program that pairs mentors with students who are having trouble in school. More details are found in the written testimony. Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Senator Jenkins for appearing before the Committee.

Chairman Morris welcomed Bill Marshall, State Program Director, Help One Student To Succeed (HOSTS), who spoke in support of continued funding for structured mentoring programs in Kansas (Attachment 6). Mr. Marshall gave details regarding structured mentoring as found in his written testimony. Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Mr. Marshall for his appearance before the Committee.

Chairman Morris welcomed Elizabeth McCoy, Team Leader for Integrated Services, Emporia USD 253 (Attachment 7), who spoke in support of the highly successful structured mentoring programs that have been established in the Emporia Public Schools through funding approved by the Kansas legislature. Ms. McCoy urged support of finding resources to continue funding demonstrated, successful early intervention services such as the Emporia's HOSTS program so that more students across the state will meet or exceed Kansas standards. There were no questions for Ms. McCoy. The Chairman thanked Ms. McCoy for her appearance before the Committee. There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 135**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2001.