

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on February 13, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Scott M. Gates, Learning Quest Director, State Treasurer's Office
April Holman, Kansas Action for Children
Elizabeth W. Saadi, Ph.D., Interim Director and Acting State Registrar, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
KIDS College Match Savings Prog., Kansas Dept. Of Social and Rehabilitation Services (written)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduced a conceptual bill concerning TARC in Topeka and a land deal with KNI in Topeka. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kelly moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning reimbursement of Medicaid funding that was lost regarding the schools (7rs2133). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Umbarger moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning home and community based services in long term care. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning an act establishing the veterans Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs enhanced service delivery program. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to conceptually introduce the Governor's pay increase bill for state officers and employees, salaries and compensation, increases for FY 2009, certain expense allowances and multi-year market adjustments. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Copies of a memorandum regarding Interest on Idle Funds, were distributed from Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education in response to a committee request (Attachment 1).

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis report for FY 2008 and FY 2009 were available to the Committee.

Subcommittee reports on:

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State Parole Board (Attachment 2)

Subcommittee Chairwoman Ruth Teichman reported that the subcommittee on the State Parole Board concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the State Parole Board in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Subcommittee Chairwoman Ruth Teichman reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2008 with comment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Bureau of Investigation to add \$200,000 for a pilot program for the methamphetamine precursor act in coordination with the task force on drugs. Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to amend her motion to remove the 3 FTE's and the vehicles for consideration at Omnibus. Following committee discussion, Senator V. Schmidt withdrew her motions, with agreement of the second to the motion, Senator Teichman. Senator Teichman mentioned that the Kansas Bureau of Investigation subcommittee will reconvene and will submit another subcommittee report at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training

Subcommittee Chairwoman Ruth Teichman reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendations with a request.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training to remove the pay plan and consider it at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Emergency Medical Services Board (Attachment 3)

Subcommittee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn reported that the subcommittee on the Emergency Medical Services Board concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments.

Senator McGinn moved, with a second by Senator V. Schmidt, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Emergency Medical Services Board in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Sentencing Commission

Subcommittee Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Sentencing Commission concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments.

Senator McGinn moved, with a second by Senator V. Schmidt, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Sentencing Commission in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Kansas Highway Patrol (Attachment 4)

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Subcommittee Chairwoman Vicki Schmidt reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Highway Patrol concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2008 with adjustment and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustment.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Highway Patrol in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Adjutant General's Department (including Civil Air Patrol)

Subcommittee Chairwoman Vicki Schmidt reported that the subcommittee on the Adjutant General's Department concurs with the Governor's recommendations in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments.

Senator Teichman moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to amend the subcommittee report on the Adjutant General's Department to recommend, Item No. 3, Grant Administrator Position, in FY 2009 to consider at Omnibus. Following discussion, the item is already in the subcommittee report and Senator Teichman withdrew her motion with agreement by Senator Kelly, the second to the motion.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Adjutant General's Department (including Civil Air Patrol) in FY 2008 and FY 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 508--Postsecondary education savings program, low-income families

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed the following conferees on the bill:

Scott Gates, Learning Quest Director, State Treasurer's Office, who testified as a proponent on **SB 508** (Attachment 5). Mr. Gates explained the Kansas Investments Developing Scholars Matching Grant Program and detailed some changes to the program which are noted in his written testimony.

April Holman, Kansas Action for Children, spoke in support of **SB 508** (Attachment 6). Ms. Holman addressed the importance of higher education in breaking the cycle of poverty and participation in 529 College Savings Programs by income level.

Elizabeth W. Saadi, Ph.D, Interim Director and Acting State Registrar, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, KDHE, testified as an opponent on **SB 508** (Attachment 7). Ms. Saadi testified about some history regarding the data collected through the civil registration process and pointed out some policy implications should the provisions of the bill be adopted. In lieu of the proposal specified in the bill, other methods could be used to inform new parents about post-secondary savings plans in Kansas and KDHE would be pleased to work with the State Treasurer's Office.

Written testimony was submitted by:

KIDS College Savings Match Program, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services,
Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, Integrated Service Delivery (Attachment 8)

The Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 508**.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for February 14, 2008.