

Approved: February 29, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clay Aurand at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in 784-DSOB.

All members were present except:
Representative Jana Goodman, excused

Committee staff present:

Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Pat Colloton, Committee Member
Mark Desetti, KNEA
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

HB 2477–Compulsory school attendance law; requiring alternative learning plan

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **HB 2477**.

Eunice Peters, Kansas Revisors of Statutes, explained to the committee that the bill amends the compulsory attendance.

Questions and answers followed.

Representative Pat Colloton, appeared before the committee as a proponent. (Attachment 1). Representative Colloton handed out a copy of the Balloon Amendment. (Attachment 2)

Questions and answer session followed.

Mr. Tallman appeared before the committee as an opponent. (Attachment 3)

Questions and answer session followed.

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784-DSOB.

Mark Desetti, appeared before the committee being Neutral. ([Attachment 4](#))

Questions and answer session followed.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing.

HB 2245 - Retaining students from grade-level promotion if not proficient on the reading state assessment for grade 3

Chairman Aurand asked Representative Huebert to report on the Sub Committee on **HB 2245** and asked the Committee to refamiliarize themselves on this Bill.

Representative Huebert said they met to improve the Bill from last year regarding assessments of 3rd grade level. ([Attachment 5](#))

Mark Tallman offered comments on the retention of 3rd grade students. . ([Attachment 6](#))

Mark Desetti offered comments on the subject of retention of 3rd grade students. (No written comments offered to the committee).

Questions and answer session followed.

Representative Colloton presented a proposal of a Balloon Amendment. ([Attachment 7](#))

Questions and answer session followed.

Chairman Aurand told the committee that tomorrow we will hear the bill on the Governor's technical education. He also commented that Thursday we will possibly have action on bills previously heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012.