

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 1:20 p.m. on April 1, 2004 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Representative Bill Kassebaum

Others attending:

See Attached List

HB2940—Schools and school districts; suitable education; areas of instruction

Carolyn Rampey gave an overview of **HB2940** explaining the education components of the bill and the fiscal impact each would have to implement these provisions. The education components of this plan are on-going. The total estimated revenue increase generated by this bill through state tax increases would be \$157.1 million and it is estimated that the LOB increase would be \$35.8 million. (Attachment 1) This attachment also includes the revisions promised in yesterday's meeting.

Representative Bill Kassebaum gave an overview of **HB2940**. Representative Kassebaum acknowledged that this bill does raise taxes, but what he feels is important is what is done with those taxes. He believes **HB2940** solves funding problems for education. He believes this bill solves the special education funding problems 100 percent. Funds that school districts currently contribute to special education could be used for what that school district feels is important to them. Representative Kassebaum appreciates the committee taking a look at this bill and urges all to work together to craft a plan to solve the problems.

Senator Downey made a motion to amend the provisions of the **Senate Substitute for HB2940** into **HB2940**. The bill is the same as the original bill except for deletion of Sections 14, 15 and 16 which is the specification of what the districts must fund and what they must not fund. Seconded by Senator Lee. Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, requested authority to make any technical changes needed in the tax portion of the bill. Senator Downey included this in her motion. Motion carried.

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, KSBE, proposed an amendment that a foreign exchange student would have to be in school one semester to be counted in the September 20th enrollment. Senator Oleen asked if foreign exchange students come younger than grade 9. Senator Downey made a motion to amend **Senate Substitute for HB2940** with the amendment described by Dale Dennis and to change grade 9-12 to K-12. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried. (Attachment 2)

Senator Vratil made a motion to amend **Senate Substitute for HB2940** to make it effective upon publication in the Kansas Register. Seconded by Senator Hensley. Motion carried.

Senator Lee made a motion to amend **Senate Substitute for HB2940** that any increase of the LOB between the 25 and 30 percent would have to be put to a vote of the local district. Seconded by Senator Emler. Motion carried.

Senator Downey made a motion to recommend favorably **Senate Substitute for HB2940** as amended. Seconded by Senator Hensley. Motion carried.

HB2937—School Finance; certain property tax exemption

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Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research, explained the language in **Senate Substitute HB2937**. The education components are similar to **Senate Substitute for HB2004** and are for one year only. Carolyn gave an overview of the revenue portion of the bill. The revenue components are on-going.
(Attachment 3)

Senator Vratil made a motion to strip the provisions of the existing **HB2937** and amend into the bill the language proposed in **Senate Substitute HB2937**. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

Senator Hensley made a motion to amend **Senate Substitute HB2937** that a foreign exchange student would have to be here one semester to be counted in the September 20th enrollment. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

Senator Vratil made a motion to recommend favorably **Senate Substitute HB2937** as amended. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

Senator Oleen advised that the two bills, **Senate Substitute HB2940** and **Senate Substitute HB2937** would be brought to General Orders and debated today.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.