

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancey Harrington at 10:45 a.m. on March 20, 2003 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Vratil, excused

Committee staff present: Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor
Nikki Kraus, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Kayla Loomis, 501 School District Officer

Others attending: Please see attached.

Chairperson Harrington began the meeting to address possible action on bills previously heard:

SB 136—Jurisdictions of persons employed as police officers by community colleges and school districts

Ms. Kiernan explained the proposed amendment of **SB 136** to the committee. She stated that basically the bill would extend the same powers that the Regents colleges have to school district and community college officers. She stated that the amendments accommodate the intent of the bill.

Senator O'Connor stated that she was feeling very ignorant and was concerned that campus police officers may not have the same amount of training as police officers.

Ms. Kiernan stated that they already have those rights on the school property.

Ms. Loomis clarified the training requirements of the officers in question, stating that they must have the same training, including 40 hours of continuing education, the records of which are kept by the Kansas Law Enforcement Training.

Following further discussion, the committee clarified that the bill would be extending the area covered by the officers to include adjacent streets. Ms. Loomis clarified that if an officer is armed, he or she must be certified and trained for that weapon.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to amend **SB 136**. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion to amend. The bill was amended.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to recommend **SB 136** as amended favorable for passage. Senator Gilstrap seconded. The bill was recommend favorable for passage as amended.

Chairperson Harrington stated that she would carry the bill on the floor, and if there needed to be slight changes, they could contact the Majority Leader's office to hold another meeting.

Chairperson Harrington reminded the committee that Senator Lyon would be holding subcommittee meetings on the gaming bills.

Senator Lyon stated that he would address one bill a day starting Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.