

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2004 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jo Ann Pottorff- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research
Leah Robinson, Legislative Research
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

- Attachment 1 Budget Report on Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
- Attachment 2 Budget for Children's Initiatives Fund, FY 2003-FY 2005
- Attachment 3 Additional Information regarding Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation concerning the comprehensive transportation plan. The motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Action on HB 2666 - Repealing statute allowing department of administration to terminate the vanpool program.

The Chair recognized Leah Robinson, Legislative Research Department, who explained that **HB 2666**, as introduced, would have taken away the Department of Administration's (DOA) ability to terminate the vanpool program on its own. An amendment, introduced by Representative Sloan, clarified that the program would have to be financially self-supporting, including vehicle replacement and administrative costs; would have disallowed the driver from using the vehicle for personal use; and would have allowed the DOA to come to the Legislature for authority to end the program.

Representative Schwartz moved to approve the Sloan Amendment. The motion was seconded by Representative Osborne. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to add an amendment stating that each driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL) and that each driver carry liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million to be provided by the Department of Administration, with the cost of the insurance to be included in the prorated cost to each rider. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Shriver moved to recommend **HB 2666** favorable for passage as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion failed.

Representative Landwehr, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) for FY 2004 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2004 with

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adjustments (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Henry. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 with adjustments (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend the Budget Committee report by striking the contents of paragraph 3 of Item No. 23 and replace with language that requests SRS to review amending the SCHIP program to include children from conception to age nineteen and provide the Budget Committee with an accurate estimated cost, to be reviewed at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Committee voiced concerns to Items 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Budget Committee Report regarding the shifting of Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) moneys in the Smart Start program to Family Preservation, CMHC grants for children's programs and the Immunization Outreach program. The Budget Committee noted that no funds are being taken from the Smart Start program budget; however, of the proposed increase of moneys from the CIF, a portion would be diverted to other programs.

The Committee requested information on the purpose of the Therapeutic Preschool Program and the number and location of proposed Smart Start programs.

Representative Klein moved to limit the requested proviso in Item No. 27 to the Immunization Grant program. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. The motion was withdrawn.

Representative Landwehr requested that the Budget Committee be allowed to continue working on the proviso language and revisit the issue at Omnibus.

Representative Klein moved to strike Item No. 27 of the Budget Committee recommendation to defer to Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Responding to a question from the Committee, Janet Schalansky, Secretary of SRS, indicated that the Department has closed 34-35 SRS offices at a savings of approximately \$507,000 SGF and \$1,093,000 all funds. The Budget Committee felt that the transition in closing these offices is working.

The Committee stated that it is important that discussion be continued on how all early childhood programs and services can be coordinated and made available to all children across the state.

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

The Budget Committee provided additional information to the Committee in answer to questions voiced during the morning session (Attachment 3).

Representative Ballard moved to add language to the Budget Committee report stating that 1,000 Kansans are on the HCBS/Developmentally Disabled and HCBS/Physically Disabled waiver waiting lists and recommends that if additional funds should become available, it be a priority to eliminate the waiting lists. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn moved to add language to the Budget Committee report directing the Children's Cabinet to study the coordination of all early childhood programs under the umbrella of Smart Start. The motion was seconded by Representative Minor. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved to strike language in Item No. 4 and insert language "The Budget Committee recommends shifting \$1.0 million Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) from Smart Start to Therapeutic Preschools and shifting \$1.0 million CIF from Therapeutic Preschools to Family Preservation, resulting in a net change of zero for the Therapeutic Preschool program". The motion was seconded by Representative Schwartz. Motion carried.

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Representative Bethell moved to approve the Budget Committee report on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for FY 2005 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2004.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman