

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Susan Allen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2508: Concerning remedial coursework for high school graduates.

Chairman Sloan called the Committee's attention to **HB 2508** for discussion and possible action.

After discussion, no action was taken on **HB 2508**.

HB 2509 - providing for focus on excellence centers.

Chairman Sloan called the Committee's attention to **HB 2509** for discussion and possible action.

Chairman Sloan opened the floor for discussion of **HB 2509**. Representatives Hill, Reardon and Phelps concurred that this was an enabling legislation that would not require a State appropriation. Representative Storm commented that contributions might come from industries who benefit from a specific program offered at a Community College.

Representative Horst moved that the Committee recommend **HB 2509** favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Rep. Neighbor.

Chairman Sloan asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed.

With no further discussion, Chairman Sloan adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 3:30 p.m in RM 321-N.