

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on February 20, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge- absent
Representative Ted Powers- excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Deena Horst
Scott Frank, Audit Manager, Legislative Division of Post Audit
Mark Tallman, KASB
Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools
Terry Forsyth, KNEA
Bill Reardon, USD #500
USA Kansas (written testimony)

HB 2090: School districts; physical fitness tests; physical education goals.

A motion was made by Representative Colloton and seconded by Representative Spalding to adopt a balloon amendment for HB 2090. After a brief discussion by Committee members, the motion carried on a voice vote. (Attachment #1)

Representative Mah made the motion to amend HB 2090 by removing the '12' in section 'c' on line 24. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst and carried on a voice vote.

Representative Colloton moved that HB 2090 be passed as amended and was seconded by Representative Spalding. The motion failed on a show of hands.

Representatives Colloton and Spalding wished to be recorded as 'yes' votes.

HB 2398: School districts; standards relating to the handling of blood and infectious material.

Representative Horst spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2398**. (Attachment #2, #3, and #4)

Following a brief question and answer time with Committee members, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2398**.

HB 2337: School districts; at-risk pupils; under age 21

HB 2338: School districts; school finance; at-risk weighting calculated on an FTE basis.

Scott Frank spoke to the Committee on **HB 2337** and **HB 2338**. The Legislative Division of Post Audit recommended the Legislature review these two issues and decide if it wanted to make a change. **HB 2337** would address the issue regarding adult at-risk students, by setting an age limit on the free-lunch students who could be counted for at-risk funding purposes. **HB 2338** would address full-time funding for part-time students by changing at-risk funding from a headcount to FTE basis. (Attachment #5)

Mark Tallman spoke to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2337** and **HB 2338**. (Attachment #6)

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Diane Gjerstad spoke to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2337** and **HB 2338**. (Attachment #7)

Terry Forsyth spoke to the Committee in opposition of **HB 2338**. (Attachment #8)

Bill Reardon spoke in opposition of **HB 2338**. (Attachment #9)

USA Kansas gave written testimony in opposition of both **HB 2337** and **HB 2338**. (Attachment #10 and #11)

Following questions and answers, the Chair closed the hearing on **HB 2337** and **HB 2338**.

HB 2447: Registration of charitable organizations, parent teacher associations exempt.

Representative Horst made a motion that HB 2447 be passed favorably and was seconded by Representative Rhoades.

After a brief discussion by Committee members regarding “tax exemption” of HB 2447, Representative Colloton moved to table the motion until a determination could be made by the Secretary of State’s Office. Representative seconded the motion which carried on a voice vote.

HB 2343: Early high school graduation incentive program

Representative Donohoe presented a balloon to amend the bill which would change the wording in the bill to apply to construction trade workers rather than building trade workers; add community colleges and technical colleges; require pupils who do not complete the program to reimburse the state board for the amount of the scholarship and to delete the reference to programs provided by a union. A motion was then made by Representative Donohoe and seconded by Representative Huebert to adopt the balloon amendment for HB 2343. After a brief discussion by Committee members, the motion carried on a voice vote. (Attachment #12)

Representative Craft moved to accept a balloon amendment with regards to sections ‘b’ and ‘c’ which would clarify that a pupil would have to comply with the early graduation program of the school district in order to qualify for the bonus and scholarship. The motion was seconded by Representative Huebert and carried on a voice vote. (Attachment #13)

Representative Craft moved to amend HB 2343 to indicate moneys received should go to a ‘tool account’ which failed on a voice vote. (Attachment #14)

Representative Otto moved to pass out favorably as amended HB 2343. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst and carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2007.