

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terrie Huntington at 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 2009, in Room 786 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jennifer Horchem, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kay Scarlett, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Blake Flanders, Vice President Workforce Development, Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority  
Diane Duffy, Vice President of Finance, Kansas Board of Regents  
Theresa Gordzica, Chief Business Officer, University of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Jennifer Horchem, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed sections of the Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Educational Planning to the 2009 Kansas Legislature and the Final Report of the Kansas Technical College and Technical School Commission pertaining to **HB 2003** and **HB 2006** being heard today. Copies of these reports can be obtained from the Kansas Legislative Research Department. The Legislative Educational Planning Committee recommended these bills.

### **Hearing on HB 2003 - Career technical education; funding formula; update in terminology**

Chairman Huntington opened the hearing on **HB 2003**. In briefing the committee on the bill, Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained that **HB 2003** amends current law to: 1) Codify appropriations bill proviso language regarding the development of a fund model for postsecondary technical education; 2) Update references regarding the state plan for career and technical education and the federal Carl D. Perkins Act; 3) Replace outdated "vocational educational" terminology with currently used "career technical education" where possible; and 4) Repeal wording and/or statutes that are no longer needed or are obsolete. The fiscal note reports no fiscal effect from the enactment of this act. ([Attachment 1](#))

Blake Flanders, Vice President Workforce Development, Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, appeared in support of **HB 2003** and provided a chart reviewing the various changes in the statutes. He stated that the statutes presented for revision and/or repeal in **HB 2003** are a starting point for technical clean-up of existing statutes and to lay the groundwork for potential new legislation and policy revisions to improve the technical education system in the future. ([Attachment 2](#))

There being no other conferees, the hearing on **HB 2003** was closed.

### **Hearing on HB 2006 - State educational institutions; recruitment of payment of moving expenses**

Chairman Huntington opened the hearing on **HB 2006**. Renae Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, explained that this bill would remove the limit that an applicant for the position of chief executive officer of a state educational institution or an applicant for any position in the office of the State Board of Regents only be reimbursed for the amount of moving expenses for moving 12,000 pounds of household goods if that was less than the actual costs of moving. Under the changes in the bill, such applicants may be paid for actual moving expenses which are verified by receipts. The fiscal effect of removing the limit on expenses could not be determined at this time. ([Attachment 3](#))

Diane Duffy, Vice President of Finance, Kansas Board of Regents, appeared in support of **HB 2006** which would change the current statute to allow for the payment of actual moving expenses for certain employees for which this is an expected and customary practice. She noted that this change was initiated by the

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university business officers, endorsed by the University Presidents, adopted by the Board of Regents and recommended for legislative consideration. (Attachment 4)

Theresa Gordzica, Chief Business Officer, University of Kansas, testified in support of **HB 2006** stating that it is essential to update the statute and provide institutions with the discretion to pay up to actual moving expenses when deemed appropriate. The ability to offer competitive incentives when recruiting new CEO's, faculty, and staff would aid institutions striving to employ the best qualified applicants. (Attachment 5)

The committee questioned clarity of the language in the bill. The hearing on **HB 2006** will be continued to allow time to review the language in the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting of the House Higher Education Committee is scheduled for January 29, 2009.