

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Highland at 1:00pm on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department
Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Dick Carter on behalf of Johnson County Community College

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB8 — Repealing school district audit teams and school district performance audit requirements.

Chairman Highland opened the hearing on **SB8**. Tamera Lawrence gave an overview of the bill noting **SB8** contains the exact language as **HB2008**, which was passed out favorably by the committee earlier in the session. Ms. Lawrence answered questions from committee members.

The Chairman directed the committee to proponent written testimony from Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor. ([Attachment 1](#))

The hearing on **SB8** was closed.

Representative Barker moved the committee suspend the rule on notice to work the bill; there were no objections.

*Representative Barker moved and Representative Bradford seconded **SB8** be passed out favorably to the consent calendar. The motion passed.*

Hearing on: SB93 — Career technical education performance-based funding requirements.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB93**. Nick Myers provided a briefing on the bill and answered questions from committee members.

Linda Fund spoke in favor of **SB93** expressing the value of including Johnson County Community College in the GED Accelerator program. ([Attachment 2](#))

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Dick Carter supported **SB93** explaining three bills were offered in the year the Accelerator program was established. Johnson County Community College was not included in the program originally because they were to be included in another bill which did not pass. **SB93** was written to allow them to become part of the program belatedly. ([Attachment 3](#))

Written testimony in favor of the bill was submitted by Blake Flanders, Kansas Board of Regents. ([Attachment 4](#))

The hearing on **SB93** was closed.

Representative Rhoades moved and Representative Lusk seconded the committee waive the rule on notice to work the bill. The motion passed.

*Representative Rhoades moved and Representative Dove seconded the committee pass **SB93** out favorably. The motion passed.*

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion on **SB70 - Background checks and licensure of teachers; background checks for school employees with direct contact with students.**

*Representative Rhoades moved and Representative Grosserode seconded **SB70** be passed out favorably.* There was discussion on the bill.

*Representative Rhoades moved **SB70** be amended to 1) strike the language requiring the Innovative Districts pay the cost of background checks and fingerprinting and 2) change the title from an act concerning teachers to an act concerning schools. Representative Winn seconded the motion.* There was discussion on the amendment. *The motion to amend passed.* ([Attachment 5](#))

There was discussion about the language requiring the employee to pay the cost of the background check and fingerprinting. *Representative Barker moved a conceptual amendment that would allow school districts to decide whether the district or the teachers would be responsible for the cost.* *Representative Bradford seconded the motion.* Discussion took place on the amendment with clarification being made that this amendment would only affect teachers, not other school district employees who have contact with students. Representative Barker closed on his amendment. *The motion to amend failed on a vote of 7 to 10.*

Discussion returned to the bill.

Representative Bridges moved a conceptual amendment giving school districts the option of paying for all employee fees related to the required background check and fingerprinting. Representative Dove seconded the motion. Tamera Lawrence explained how the conceptual amendment would affect the bill

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language. The motion to amend passed.

Representative Rhoades closed on the original motion to pass **SB70** out favorably, now as amended. The motion passed.

Discussion & possible action on: HB2139 — Postsecondary education; tuition and fees for aliens.
The Chairman opened discussion on **HB2139**.

Representative Barker moved and Representative Bradford seconded **HB2139** be passed out favorably.

Discussion took place on the bill.

Representative Hedke moved an amendment reinserting the current statute and giving a deadline for when the statute would end. Representative Barker seconded the motion. After discussion on the amendment, Representative Hedke closed on his motion to amend. On the oral vote to amend, division was called. On a show of hands, there being a vote tied at nine members in favor of the amendment and nine members against the amendment, the Chairman voted in favor of the amendment, and the motion to amend passed. ([Attachment 6](#))

Representative Trimmer moved an amendment adding language requiring the use of an e-verify program. Representative Bridges seconded the motion. Representative Trimmer explained the points he felt made his amendment germane to the bill. Discussion took place on the amendment. ([Attachment 7](#))

Representative Dierks moved and Representative Ewy seconded a substitute motion to table **HB2139**. On the oral vote to table, division was called. The Chairman called for a vote by show of hands. The motion to table passed on a vote of 10 to 8.

The Chairman opened the meeting to discussion on **Substitute for SB60 - Authorizing participation by less than full-time students in activities regulated by Kansas state high school activities association**.

Representative Hedke moved and Representative Bradford seconded **Substitute for SB60** be passed out favorably. There was discussion on the bill.

Representative Barton moved an amendment to **Substitute for SB60** excluding the following counties from the bill: Shawnee, Wyandotte, Johnson, Sedgwick and Lawrence. Tamera Lawrence gave an explanation of the amendment. Representative Hedke seconded the motion to amend. Discussion took place on the amendment. The motion to amend failed. ([Attachment 8](#))

Representative Trimmer moved and Representative Barker seconded **Substitute for SB60** be tabled.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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with the intention of appointing a subcommittee at the beginning of the next session to study a way to amend the bill inserting academic accountability requirements. The motion to table passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Friday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.