

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner Ks Dept. of Ed
Representative Brenda Landwehr
Martha Gage, Ph.D., Team Leader Education and
Licensure, Ks. State Dept. Of Ed
John Engelhardt, Dean of Education, Wichita State
Mark DeSetti, KNEA
Doug Bowman, Coordinating Council on
Early Childhood Development Services
Mark DeSetti, KNEA

The Chair called on Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis who introduced the 2003 Milken Family Foundation Awardees, Cheris Bass, USD 204, Bonner Springs; and Jim Medina, USD 233, Olathe.

HB 2229 - Relating to teacher preparation programs.

Martha Gage explained what was current on the teacher alternative program **HB 2229**. (Attachment 1).

Representative Brenda Landwehr addressed the committee in support of **HB 2229**, offering suggestions for the bill. (Attachment 2).

John Engelhardt appeared before the committee as a proponent of **HB 2229**. (No written testimony).

Mark DeSetti spoke as an opponent to **HB 2229**, saying he felt it significantly lowered the standards for entering the teaching profession. (Attachment 3).

HB 2231 - Relating to child care facilities.

The Chair called upon Representative Peterson who deferred to Doug Bowman who spoke as a proponent to **HB 2231**, explaining what the bill would offer. (No written testimony).

Jill Wolters told the committee that she wished to clarify what was being done in **HB 2231**.

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The statute says that a school district can establish a childcare facility and then charge for it. There's been an opinion from the state board that says a childcare facility doesn't include a pre-school. Now on the back of the bill the childcare facility includes a pre-school. Then on the front of the bill they clarify that if this school has the childcare facilities/pre-school, they can charge fees but they can't charge fees if the child has an IEP. She pointed out lines 36 through 38 saying this would clarify things so they wouldn't be in violation of federal law that if the child has an IEP, a fee cannot be charged for that childcare facility/pre-school.

Written testimony from Mark Tallman on both **HB 2229 and HB 2231** was provided. (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2003.