

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

The Chair asked for the Committee's consideration of the minutes for the meetings of March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15.

HB 2546 - Establishing Kansas skills for success in school program.

Avis Swartzman explained **HB 2546** to the Committee. (Attachment 1).

Chairman Tanner took the initiative of putting the motion to accept **HB 2546** as it is amended already in balloon form. This will make it subject to amendment and debate. The motion was seconded by Representative Tomlinson and passed on a voice vote.

Representative Horst referred to Section 3 of **HB 2546**. Instead of the State Department of Education piloting third grade accomplishment examinations, she felt it would be better to have the local school districts tell what they needed.

Representative Horst moved to make this amendment to **HB 2546**. Representative Storm seconded the motion which failed on a voice vote.

Referring to Section 4 of **HB 2546**, Representative Horst wanted to strike the precise designation of which persons by offices, would be members of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. As the balloon now stood, the chair, vice-chair and ranking minority person from each of five committees would serve as members of the LEPC.

It was moved by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Loganbill that this amendment be made to **HB 2546**. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Representative Huebert referred to the balloon of Section 2 (b), asking that an addition be made at the end. The amendment would read, "unless a parent or person acting as parent, in writing, waives the child's retention. If a waiver is signed, the parent or person acting as parent will be provided with the information on the basic skills the child requires to succeed at the next grade level."

A motion was made by Representative Hubert and seconded by Representative Mason that this amendment be made to **HB 2546**. The Chair was in doubt of the voice vote so a show of hands was required. The motion to amend passed.

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Representative Huebert referred to page 2, line 19 of the substitute for **HB 2546**, after the period, inserting “each school district may encourage the appropriate site councils and parents of kindergarten through grade 3 pupils to actively be involved in the development and implementation of this process.”

A motion was made by Representative Huebert to make this amendment. The motion was seconded by Representative Lloyd. Following a voice vote, division was called. The motion failed on a show of hands.

Representative Storm offered an amendment to **HB 2546** on page 1, line 17, following “health and environment” by adding “K-3 teachers” and striking the balloon “including community-based nonprofit groups” to line 18 following “children’s health”.

A motion was made by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Reardon to make this amendment. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Storm asked for the striking on page 2, Section 2, balloon (c), “Local school districts and schools, in developing and providing these educational interventions, may consult with community-based and nonprofit organizations in developing, planning and implementing these services and interventions. Local school districts and schools are also encouraged to partner with and contract with these organizations for the provision of these interventions”.

It was moved by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Lloyd that this amendment to **HB 2546** be approved. The Chair, being in doubt, called for a show of hands. The vote was 10 in favor and 10 opposed. The Chair declined to vote at this point.

The Chair suggested that the Committee continue a discussion on this point while still working **HB 2546**.

It was moved by Representative Mason and seconded by Representative Phelps that the minutes be approved following a correction. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2001.