

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:42 p.m. on March 17, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Hensley & Corbin, excused

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes

Others attending: See Attached List

Senator Umbarger expressed concern with the number of Senate bills that are still in House committees. He is trying to get confirmation from the House committees that these bills will get a hearing.

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, reviewed the bills awaiting final action: **HB2004** reconciles the definition of juvenile detention facility; **HB2008** concerns proprietary schools and the fees for certification and registration; **HB2009** would increase the maximum amount of fees charged by the Board of Regents for issuance or duplication of GED credentials; **HB2179** repeals KSA 25-1904 relating to members of the State Board of Education; and **HB2231** which concerns fees for pre-school programs.

HB2179—Prohibiting a state officer or employee from being a member of the State Board of Education

Theresa Keirnan presented an amendment to **HB2179** that was requested by Kansas Association of School Boards that would, instead of eliminating the entire section KSA 25-1904, it would just prohibit an officer or employee of a school district from being a member of the State Board of Education. (Attachment 1)

Senator Vratil made a motion to approve the proposed amendment by KASB. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Senator Downey made a substitute motion to return **HB2179** to its original form. Seconded by Senator Lee. After an extended discussion regarding conflict of interest, Theresa offered that she had information that she could make available for members of the Committee. Senator Downey withdrew her motion and Senator Lee withdrew her second of the substitute motion. A vote was taken on the original motion by Senator Vratil to approve the amendment proposed by KASB. The motion failed with 4 nays, 3 yeas and 2 abstaining.

HB2231—Allowing school districts to charge a fee for preschools; certain limitations

Theresa Kiernan explained an amendment to **HB2231**. The amendment would delete 72-8236 and amend the correct section 72-67,115 to authorize school districts to charge fees for preschool programs. (Attachment 2)

Senator Downey made a motion to accept the amendment to **HB2231** as proposed. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

HB 2004, HB 2008, HB 2009 have no amendments. Chairman Umbarger wishes to hold final action on these bills in the event the Committee needs to amend information into these bills from the Senate bills which have not been passed out of House committees. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is March 18, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 123S.