

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Chris Steineger- absent

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community Colleges

Others attending:

See attached list.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Teichman moved to approve the minutes of January 20 and January 21 as written. The motion was seconded by Senator Marshall. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Introduction of Legislation

An act, #9rs0435, concerning school districts relating to school finance, supplemental general state aid, and Chase County was requested by Senator Jim Barnett. It applies to certain counties having a certain size and assessed valuation being guaranteed general state aid in the amount of 12% of their state financial aid.

Senator Teichman moved to introduce the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Owens. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Steve Abrams requested the introduction of a bill, #9rs0491, allowing a recreation commission to establish a petty cash fund.

Senator Abrams moved to introduce the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Hensley. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Vicky Schmidt requested the introduction of #9rs0552, a bill regarding disability history and awareness in school districts. She stated this is coming from the Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy whose goal is to learn the legislative process through active involvement and participation in testifying.

Senator Abrams moved to introduce the bill. The motion was seconded by Senator Hensley. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Hearing on SB 11 - Community colleges; acquisition of real property within service area

Linda Fund, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community Colleges (Attachment 1), provided additional follow-up information on **SB 11**, specifically Section 1, and whether this was a change in policy with regard to adopting service areas for community colleges. She explained this was a long-standing practice which was originated by the Kansas Department of Education in the 1970's. Senator Abrams voiced the opinion that the idea of service areas should be looked at with the goal of possibly eliminating them. Senator Owens expressed concern with community colleges being given authority to purchase property which would then be removed from tax rolls.

The Kansas Board of Regents also provided written testimony in support of **SB 11** (Attachment2).

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Education Committee at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

There were no other conferees to appear before the Committee.

The hearing on **SB 11** was closed.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend **SB 11** favorable for passage, seconded by Senator Teichman. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.