

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 12:00 p.m. on March 22, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mark DeSetti, Kansas National Education Assoc.  
Gary L. Robbins, Kansas Optometric Association

**SB 220 - At-risk pupil weighting and mastery of basic reading skills.**

Ben Barrett spoke to the Committee in explanation of **SB 220**. He said the bill had a fiscal note of \$4 million.

Asked if the entire funding fees for **SB 220** were in the Governor's presentation of his bill as well as in his State of the State address, Dale Dennis said yes, all the Governor did was channel where it could be spent. When asked how this bill would fit in relationship to **HB 2546**, Mr. Dennis said that it would just add an extra \$4 million channeled for K-3 until they reached the third grade reading standard.

Mark Desetti testified in favor of **SB 220**. (Attachment 1).

Gary Robbins spoke to the Committee regarding stronger language in the law that would encourage parents to get eye examinations for their children. He passed around copies of a questionnaire, a "vision report card". (Attachment 2).

Written testimony was passed out in regard to a report on vision screenings in USD 286 for students recommended for summer school programs. (Attachment 3).

The hearing on **SB 220** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting is on the call of the Chair.