

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lana Gordon at 3:30, March 1, 2012 in 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Reagan Cussimano-KLRD
Edw. Balda-Committee Assitant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Steve Anderson-Children's Initiative Fund
Dale Dennis-Deputy Commissioner of Education

Others in attendance: see attached list

Chairman Gordon greeted the members and stated that she would like to address the budget. Representative Cassidy presented his "Cassidy Motion" (Attachment 1) to the committee. Representative Cassidy then made motion to increase KSDE's state operations account for FY 2012 \$50,000 from the State General Fund to finance the Development of a Uniform Accounting System for LEAs. This motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. There was no discussion and Representative Cassidy closed on his motion. A vocal vote was taken, all were in favor.

Representative Cassidy then made a motion to fund the following programs: for FY 2013 Kansas Educator Evaluation Protocol for \$350,000, State Accreditation Model for \$150,000, Increased FMS (SMART) Fee for \$65,663 and Uniform Accounting System for LEAs for \$50,000. He furthered moved to reduce the Mentor Teacher Program grants by \$615,663 from \$1,100,000 to \$484,337 in FY 2013 to finance these actions. The motion was seconded by Representative Spalding. Discussion and questions were made by Representatives Aurand and Cassidy. Representative Arpke suggested that if these funds were approved it would help to get the waiver for the No Child Left Behind appeal. There were more questions by Representatives Feuerborn and O'Brien. Representative Cassidy mentioned that this funding was "revenue neutral".

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Representative Cassidy then closed on his motion, a vote was taken, there was no opposition, and the motion carried.

Representative Cassidy then made motion that any revenue in the Children's Initiative Fund above the amount estimated by the Governor in FY 2013 will first be appropriated to the Parent Program up to \$2,543,459. Any funds received beyond this amount will be appropriated to the Pre-K Pilot Program up to \$1,476,062. This motion was seconded by Representative Winn.

Discussion was made by Representative Aurand.

Questions were addressed to Steve Anderson of the Children's Initiative Fund. Discussion was made regarding the Tobacco Settlement, timing and the distribution of funds. Questions were asked by Representatives Cassidy, Feuerborn, Winn and Spalding. Representative Cassidy then made a motion to pass the bill as is. This is the same motion as seconded by Representative Winn. Representative Aurand then spoke against the motions, requesting the need for further research. He prefers to wait until he is sure there is enough money. This will also allow more voices to be heard. Representatives Feuerborn and Spalding both speak in favor of the amendment. Representative Cassidy closes on his motion. A vote was taken, the motion failed.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion to change the language. This was seconded by Representative Winn. There is more discussion by Representatives, Arpke, and Aurand. Researcher assistant Reagan Cussimano presents new budgetary data for consideration. Dale Dennis and Representative Cassidy discuss sweeps figures and its effects. Representative Feuerborn expresses his suggestion to follow the law. A vote was taken, three were in favor, and six were opposed. The motion failed.

Representative Cassidy made motion to review the bill at Omnibus and was seconded by Representative Winn. There was brief discussion after which Representative Cassidy closed. A vote was taken; all voted in favor, the motion carried.

Representative Spalding moves to accept the original amount of funding of \$156 million. This was seconded by Representative Winn. There was discussion by Representative Aurand, who then spoke against the motion. Representative Spalding asks of the repercussions of doing nothing for this Children's Initiative Fund. Revisor Cussimano gives input. There were more questions by Representatives Aurand, Landwehr and comments by Representative Feuerborn.

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Chair Gordon also gave input. Representative Spalding then recommended that we reinstitute the old 2012 budget and closes her motion. A vote was taken, the motion failed.

Representative Aurand made the motion to pass out the bill as amended. The motion was seconded by representative Cassidy. There was no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Brief announcements were made about the next week's schedule and bills to be worked. The Committee adjourned at 4:40.

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