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Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm on February 15, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Owens - excused

Committee staff present:
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

No conferees appeared before the Committee.

Copies of the minutes for January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 were distributed for the Committee's approval.

A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Senator Teichman and seconded by Senator Vratil. The motion passed.

SB 393 – relating to Governor's Career and Technical Education Plan.

Jason Long offered an explanation to the Committee of the proposed amendments to **SB 393**. (Attachments 1 and 2).

A motion was made by Senator Vratil regarding New Section 9 of SB 393, for a technical cleanup to be made in the bill's language. Senator Teichman seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Through a motion by Senator Vratil and seconded by Senator Teichman, a balloon was adopted which deleted portions of the bill changing the manner in which vocational education funding was provided to school districts, which restored the current 0.5 vocation education weighting funding formula. This balloon also eliminates the 30 mile rule” in the bill. The motion passed. Senators Wagle and Abrams wished for their no votes to be recorded.

Senator Schmidt moved for the adoption of a balloon amendment that defined the terms: “individual career plan of study, fees and tuition and articulation agreement.” The motion was seconded by Senator Hensley and passed.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education at 1:30 PM on February 15, 2012 in Room 153-S of the Capitol.

A motion was made by Senator Teichman and seconded by Senator Vratil that Substitute for **SB 393** be passed as amended. The motion carried.

SB 69 – relating to bullying and dating violence.

Senator Schodorf presented three amendments to **SB 69** which required a plan for addressing bullying in school districts to be developed by districts' site councils with input from parents and a host of other stakeholders, (Attachment 3); that required districts send bullying plans to the Department of Education and that the Department keep the plans on file, (Attachment 4) and that the plans be posted on districts' web sites and provided to parents of district children annually, (Attachment 5).

Senator Vratil made a motion and Senator Hensley seconded it to adopt Senator Schodorf's amendments. The motion passed.

Senator Vratil recommended **SB 69** favorable for passage, Senator Umbarger seconded the motion which passed.

The Chair explained the process of passing a bill out of Committee, requested any additional testimony as a proponent or opponent and seeing none, announced the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2012.