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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 20, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

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

SB 361 – creating the excellence in education act.

The Chair introduced Jason Long who gave an explanation of **SB 361**.

Questions and answers followed.

A motion was made by Senator Vratil and seconded by Senator Teichman to delete the provisions related to career technical education, teacher evaluation and teacher licensure from **SB 361**. The motion passed.

Senator Vratil made a motion and Senator Teichman seconded it to remove all references to vocational education funding from **SB 361**. (Attachment 1).

The motion passed.

Senator Teichman made a motion which was seconded by Senator Vratil that food service funds be included in the category of funds not flexible. (New Section 24.) (Attachment 2).

The motion passed.

A motion was made by Senator Abrams and seconded by Senator Vratil that 0.25 weighting be added to the virtual student weighting ((0.75 in the SB 361 as introduced). (Attachment 3).

The motion passed.

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Senator Vratil made a motion, seconded by Senator Schmidt, to remove New Section 25 from this bill. (This section deals with unencumbered balances exceeding 7.5 percent).

Following discussion on this topic and a decision to review it further, Senators Vratil and Schmidt withdrew the motion.

Recommendations and comments related to **SB 361** were provided by Legislative Research. (Attachment 4).

Copies of a district calculation of **SB 361** were distributed. (SF12-082.xlsx). (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Schodorf requested staff bring a list of those funds that should not be included in such a section, to the next day's meeting.

Written only testimony was distributed from Kansas Farm Bureau. (Attachment 6).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012.