

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:05 A.M. on March 24, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Benjamin Hodge- absent

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Dianne Rosell, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Kansas State Department of Education
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Sharon Desch, Committee Assistant

HR 6021: Dyslexia, Kansas board of education to study

Representative Storm moved to adopt the balloon amendment, with the handwritten changes, on the resolution on dyslexia. Representative Horst seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Attachment #1)

Representative Storm advised the first change would be to remove the words “to require” on the third line of the balloon amendment.

Representative Storm informed Committee members the second change, on line 14, that she did not have any objection to the wording, but wondered if it was necessary.

Representative Storm advised the third change, on line 18, would be to add the wording ...will identify “or testing” student with “a reading” disability,

Representative Storm advised the fourth change, on line 20, would be to add the wording .. Ensure “that” reading.....

Representative Storm advised the fifth change, on line 21, would be to delete the wording ‘standards’ and add the wording “courses” to ensure “that” knowledge.....

Representative Storm advised the sixth change, on line 23, is a grammatical error and should be changed from ‘are’ to “is”.

Representative Storm advised the seventh change, on line 24, would be to change the wording from ‘evidence-based’ to “research-based” and change the wording from ‘practices’ to “programs”.....

Representative advised the eighth change, line 25, would be to add: address “the needs of students with reading disabilities, including dyslexia”....

Representative Spalding moved to include the language, on line 21, as “Review teacher preparation courses to ensure that knowledge of scientifically-based reading instructional components to instruct children with disabilities, including dyslexia, is addressed; and ensure that research-based programs of instruction are designed and implemented to address the needs of children with reading problems, including dyslexia. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm. The motion carried.

Representative Colloton made a motion for an amendment to substitute language in the third “Whereas” to substitute the word “dyslexia” for “disability” and strike the entirety fourth “Whereas” statement. The motion was seconded by Representative Mah. The motion passed by a show of hands, yes - 12 and no - 8.

Representative Colloton moved for an amendment to add words to the statement beginning with “Review current reading problems” and add the words “including dyslexia”. The motion was seconded by Representative Rhoades. The motion passed.

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Representative Storm moved to pass out HR 6021 favorably, as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Rhoades. The motion passed.

SB 401: School districts; pupils receiving education services while residing at a psychiatric residential treatment facility.

Representative Colloton made the motion for an amendment to SB 401 which would say that youth residential centers providing educational services at the center would have their students counted in the school finance law the same as psychiatric residential treatment facilities. The motion was seconded by Representative Mah. The motion carried. (Attachment #2)

Representative Mah moved to pass out SB 401 favorably, as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Colloton. The motion carried.

HCR 5039: Alternative Teacher preparation and licensure.

Representative Horst moved to adopt HCR 5039 favorably for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Otto. The motion carried.

SB 399: Mandatory attendance of kindergarten; age of eligibility

Representative Aurand gave an explanation of **SB 399** for Committee members to review.
(Attachment # 3)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2008.