

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2546 - Establishing Kansas skills for success in school program.

The Chair introduced Representative Storm who reminded the Committee of the amendment she had offered for **HB 2546** on the previous day for the removal of section 2(c) on page 2. This would be replaced with the wording, "local school districts and schools are encouraged to utilize community volunteers or community-based organizations in the carrying out of intervention plans when appropriate."

It was moved by Representative Storm and seconded by Representative Crow that this amendment be made to **HB 2546**. The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

Representative Williams referred to page 1, section 1, line 17, and asked that a period be inserted following the word "environment" and then include the words, "the State Department of Education is also encouraged to consult with other citizens and organizations knowledgeable about early education" be inserted..

After discussion on various wording, the Chair requested a vote by show of hands to decide on a choice between the word "persons" that would strike reference to "other organizations" and "individuals and other organizations" that would strike reference to the word "citizens". "Individuals and other organizations" won by a show of hands.

Representative Williams read his proposed amendment. "On or before October 31, 2001, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Kansas children's cabinet, the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the State Department of Health and Environment and pre-kindergarten through grade 3 teachers, shall determine a school readiness definition."

The motion to amend **HB 2546** was made by Representative Williams and seconded by Representative Mason. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Williams referred to Section 4, page 5 regarding the Legislative Educational Planning Committee, requesting an amendment be made that would change the wording so as to disallow members from designating anyone not serving on that committee.

The motion to make this amendment in **HB 2546** was made by Representative Williams and seconded by Representative Mason. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representatives Flaharty and Loganbill requested they nay votes be recorded.

Representative Mason referred to page 1, lines 32 and 33 where preceding the words "all third grade pupils" "public school" would be inserted.

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Avis Swartzman suggested the wording “public school” be put in a sub-section that would encompass all reference to K-12.

It was moved by Representative Mason, with a second by Representative Huebert, that this amendment be made to **HB 2546**. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Lloyd referred to the balloon on page 1, at the end of section (c) and asked that the word “state” be inserted before the word “assessment” and that “s” be added making the word “assessments”.

Representative Lloyd made the motion to accept this amendment to **HB 2546**. It was seconded by Representative Horst and the motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

Representative Flaharty pointed out, on page 2, line 10, section 2 (a), the phrase, “shall not include a requirement for full-day kindergarten” saying she thought it discouraged what she considered to be an appropriate intervention tool.

It was moved by Representative Flaharty and seconded by Representative Crow that instead, the phrase be amended to read, “all-day kindergarten may be considered as appropriate intervention but shall not be required”.

Dale Dennis advised the Committee that while this was a sound idea, the fiscal note would be too high.

Avis Swartzman said there wouldn’t be funding for full-day kindergarten unless the Committee amended the School District Finance and Quality Performance Act to provide for it.

The Chair asked Ms Swartzman if the net effect of Representative Flaharty’s amendment would change the fiscal note. He was told it would not.

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

Representative Flaharty made the motion which was seconded by Representative Crow to amend **HB 2546** with the deletion of “The plan shall not include a requirement for full-day kindergarten attendance.”

Avis Swartzman pointed out the definition on page 2 of the “funding piece”. In section 7 (o) of the “skills for success in school weighting” besides the addition of “costs attributable to” inserted between “basis of” and “pupil attendance” there would be the addition of “other than attendance at full-day kindergarten” inserted between “interventions” and “under the Kansas skills for success in school program”.

The motion to amend **HB 2546** failed by a voice vote.

Representative Crow referred to page 1, section 1(c), line 30, asking that “2002-2003 school year” be replaced with “2005-2006”. On page 2, section 3, line 38, “first year” be replaced by “spring of 2003”.

A motion for this amendment was made by Representative Crow and seconded by Representative Phelps. The motion to amend carried on a voice vote.

It was moved by Representative DiVita and seconded by Representative Reardon for the adoption of **Substitute HB 2546** as amended. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representatives Flaharty and Loganbill requested the recording of their nay votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2001.