

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 29, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Lake, Administrator, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services
Patricia Scalia, Executive Director, State Board of Indigents' Defense Services
Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS)
Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit

Others attending: See attached list

Bill Introductions

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to introduce a bill concerning law enforcement; relating to the law enforcement center; qualifications and officer training requirements (3rs0373). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; unfunded obligations for certain benefits (3rs0154). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Downey, to introduce a bill concerning schools; relating to employment contracts (3rs0172). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Bunten, to approve the minutes of the January 14, January 15, January 16 and January 21, 2003 meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 52-- Emergency medical services board, financing, tax on fire insurance business, technical correction

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

David Lake, Administrator, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, testified in favor of **SB 52** (Attachment 1). Mr. Lake explained that the bill is technical in nature for the purpose of correcting **Senate Substitute for SB 508** to concur with legislative intent when the bill was passed in the 2002 session.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 52**.

Senator Barone moved, with a second by Senator Salmans, to recommend SB 52 favorable for passage and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 45--Application fee imposed on defendant entitled to indigent defense services

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Patricia Scalia, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Indigents' Defense Services, testified in favor of **SB 45** (Attachment 2). Ms. Scalia explained that **SB 45** would amend K.S.A. 22-4529 to require persons requesting representation by a public defender to pay an application fee of \$100.00. She mentioned that the present statute calls for an assessment of an "administrative fee" of \$35, in the discretion of the Court, as part of the court costs.

Committee questions and discussion followed. Chairman Morris discussed with Ms. Scalia about an amendment for language that makes it mandatory that would assure that the money would be collected before people are let out on bond.

There being no further conferees to come before the committee, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **SB 45**.

The Chairman opened the public hearing on:

SB 47--No employer payments for death and disability benefits during time certain

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

Glenn Deck, Executive Director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, testified on the Death and

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Disability Fund Status (Attachment 3).

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Jordan, to make **SB 47** effective with publication of the Kansas Register. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Jackson moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to move **SB 47** favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit, who presented an overview of audit-related issues since the end of the 2002 session (Attachment 4). Ms. Hinton explained information regarding performance audits of interest to the committee, audit-related issues identified by the Division of Accounts and Reports, audits currently underway and various audit topics.

Chairman Morris thanked Ms. Hinton for the information she provided to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2003.