

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 1:00 p.m. on March 26, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Paul West, Legislative Research
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of Education
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Representative Bill Mason
Rodney J. Bieker, KSDE, General Counsel
Martha Gage, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education

Others attending: See Attached List

HB2094—Proposed substitute bill regarding defining juvenile detention facilities for the purpose of school finance

Chairman Umbarger advised the Committee that he would like to amend the language of **HB2759** into **HB2094** which is a bill left from last session, 2001. **HB2759** is a bill that came out of LEPC this summer and amended in the definition of level 6 facilities so that names of institutions would not have to be added in every year and the bill grandfathers in the existing facilities.

Senator Vratil made a motion to strike all of the language in **HB2094** and to amend all provisions, including the title of **HB2759** into **HB2094**. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Senator Teichman made a motion to pass **HB2094** favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

SB638—Employment after retirement for certain school retirants

A motion remains on the floor from the March 25 meeting held at 1:30 p.m. That motion and substitute motion was: “Senator Teichman made a motion to change the date the board may notify a teacher of non-renewal of a contract from May 1 to May 15 and the date for a teacher to give written notice not to renew a contract from May 15 to May 25 with a one year sunset. After discussion Senator Lee made a substitute motion to change the dates from May 1st to May 15th, and May 15th to May 30th with a one year sunset. Seconded by Senator Downey.” Discussion continued today on the motion. Motion carried with two no votes.

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, explained and answered questions on the amendments in the balloon passed out today on **SB638**. The Committee discussed these amendments at length. (Attachment 1)

Senator Vratil made a motion to adopt all of the amendments in the balloon for **SB638** so that none would be missed. Seconded by Senator Emler. Motion carried.

Senator Downey made a motion to amend the balloon by removing “administrative employee”. Seconded by Senator Oleen. Motion carried. One no vote.

Senator Teichman made a motion to recommend **SB638** favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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HB2953--School district territory transfer, approval of state board, criteria

Representative Bill Mason explained that the purpose of **HB2953** is to give the State Board of Education some additional criteria to consider when a school district makes application for a change in school district boundaries. (Attachment 2)

Rodney J. Bieker, KSDE General Counsel, offered amendments to **HB2953** which modifies the list of factors based on the boards experience over the last 15 years. The amendments are shown in the attached balloon. (Attachment 3)

Martha Gage, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, testified that Section 2 through 8 of **HB2953** are unnecessary because the State Board of Education has already adopted an alternative route to certification known as the Restricted Certification (SBR 91-1-203) which will go into effect on July 1, 2002. (Attachment 4)

Senator Vratil made a motion to amend **HB2953** by including the balloon amendments proposed by Rod Bieker and by deleting sections 2 through 8 of the current bill and by authorizing the revisor to make any technical changes that are appropriate. Seconded by Senator Jenkins. Motion carried.

Senator Oleen made a motion to amend the language of **SB551** as passed by the Senate (School finance; consolidation and reorganization of districts) into **HB2953**. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Senator Downey made a motion to pass **HB2953** favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

SB647--Kansas higher education coordination act amendments

Chairman Umbarger reminded the Committee that the a number of arguments were made against **SB647** in a the March 25th meeting and the main opponent was Washburn University.

Kim Wilcox, Kansas Board of Regents, summarized those arguments and has taken this opportunity to provide a different view on each of the arguments. (Attachment 5)

Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m. No further meetings are scheduled this week.