

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 1:35 p.m. on March 9, 2004, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused
Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused
Representative Frank Miller- excused
Representative Tom Holland- excused
Representative Joe McLeland - excused

Committee staff present:

Dr. William Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Rena Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Diane Kramer, Associate Superintendent of Personnel, Emporia Public Schools
Jim Edwards, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The minutes for the March 8 meeting were approved as printed.

Chairing the hearing on [SB 453](#) were Representatives Peggy Mast and Jerry Williams.

After opening the hearing, Chairperson Mast welcomed Diane Kramer, Associate Superintendent of Personnel, Emporia Public Schools, who spoke as a proponent for the bill. She said the bill, which exempts school districts from child-care licensing regulations, came about because, when the Emporia school district developed additional preschool programs to assist at-risk students, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) considered the programs as child care rather than public education and began applying child-care regulations to the programs. ([Attachment 1](#)) She stated that most of the rules governing teachers exceed the requirements of KDHE, noting that the bill amends **K.S.A 65-501 et seq.** to exempt school districts from day-care regulations, since they are already regulated by the Kansas State Board of Education and the local school board; she said that amendments were added in the Senate to address the concerns of other entities who provide day care. ([Attachment 2](#))

Jim Edwards, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, spoke as a proponent of the bill, saying that school districts are currently regulated by the state board of education and locally elected boards of education; further, he said that school districts already do Kansas Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks on teachers and screen employees through the Kansas Social and Rehabilitative Services child-abuse registry. ([Attachment 3](#))

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During discussion a member raised the question of background checks. Chris Ross-Baze, Director, Child Care Licensing and Registration Program, KDHE, said that the agency uses both KBI background checks and the SRS child-abuse registry.

The Chair closed the hearing on **SB 453**.

Staff Bill Wolff briefed the Committee on two bills. He said that **HR 6010** urges the Health and Human Services Committee of Congress to review the data regarding cervical cancer, evaluate current methods of education and screening, and consider options to increase screening accuracy.

Regarding **SB 366**, he said the bill amends two statutes that concern reports made to the state cancer registry, expanding the definition of health care provider to include surgical centers, dentists, and oncology centers and to require health-care providers to report each cancer case diagnosed or treated within six months of the date of diagnosis unless exempted by statute or regulation.

Chairman Morrison provided a demonstration of one of the services of the Information Network of Kansas, the Lobbyist-in-a-Box, showing how a legislator can not only track specified bills, but link them to the concerns of constituents.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2004.