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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 a.m. On January 25, 2011, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff presents:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Norm Furse, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Jason Long, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education
Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards
Bill Reardon, Lobbyist for the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools
Theresa Gordzica, Chief Budget Officer of University of Kansas

Written testimony only:

Dr. Andy Tompkins, President & CEO Kansas Board of Regents
Susan Peterson, Director of Governmental Relations

Representative Flaherty's Bill introduction, **HB 2090**, would add a definition to the law regarding transportation of pupils. In addition to current law, a pupil who is subjected to "hazardous walking conditions as established by the State Board of Education, while en route to or from the school" would be eligible for transportation. The motion was seconded by Rep. Osterman. Motion carried.

HB 2018 – School districts; calculating adjusted enrollment if determined that pupils are ineligible for free meals.

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **HB 2018**.

Norman Furse, Assistant Revisor, gave a brief background on **HB 2018** concerning school districts; relating to school finance.

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of Education, gave an explanation of High-Density At-Risk. (Attachment 1)

Scott Frank, Deputy Legislative Post Auditor, presented a cost study analysis of Elementary and Secondary Education in Kansas. (Attachment 2)

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Mark Tallman, Associate Executive Director for Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards spoke to the Committee members as a proponent of **HB 2018**. Mr. Tallman told the Committee this Bill creates a "linear transition" for the high density at-risk weighting factor. The purpose is to avoid situations in which a small drop in free lunch enrollment could cause a district to no longer qualify for this weighting and lose a significant amount of funding for at-risk programs, even though the needs of the district's students have *not* significantly changed. (Attachment 3)

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

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Bill Reardon, Lobbyist for the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. He spoke to the Committee members as a proponent of **HB 2018**. Mr. Reardon, explained to the members that this Bill would eliminate the possibility of any USD that currently qualifies for High Density At-Risk funding. (Attachment 4)

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **HB 2018**.

HB 2020 -State educational institution housing system funds.

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **HB 2020**.

Norman Furse, Assistant Revisor, gave a brief background on **HB 2020**. Institution housing system funds.

Theresa Gordzica, Chief Financial Officer for the University of Kansas spoke to the Committee as a Proponent for **HB 2020**. Ms. Gordzica told the Committee K.S.A. 76-762 creates certain funds in the student housing system. It further requires that all payments received for rents and other charges in operating the housing system first be deposited in a housing suspense fund and then transferred to a housing operations fund. (Attachment 5)

Susan Peterson, Director of Governmental Relations of Kansas State University, provided written testimony only. (Attachment 6)

Dr. Andy Tompkins, President & CEO of Kansas Board of Regents provided written testimony only. (Attachment 7)

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **HB 2020**.

Representative Phelps recommended a bill introduction that would add supplemental general state aid to the school district consolidation law allowing the varying-size districts to not only maintain combined general fund budgets for varying numbers of years after consolidation. Seconded by Representative Colloton. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

