

Approved: March 1, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm on February 21, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator King – excused  
Senator Owens - excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

### **SB 361 – concerning schools; creating the excellence in education act.**

The Chair informed the Committee that she had requested **SB 361** be blessed.

Senator Vratil explained his amendment to **SB 361**. A list of possible funds to exclude from Provisions of New section 26 in the bill was distributed. (Attachment 1).

Jason Long spoke to the Committee of the proposed amendments to **SB 261** regarding the county sales tax option. (Attachment 2).

Questions and answers followed.

Jason Long spoke to the Committee of the proposed amendments to **SB 361** regarding further supplemental equalization state aid. (Attachment 3).

*Senator Vratil made a motion, seconded by Senator Umbarger to restrict SB 361, New section 25 regarding a 7.5 percent cap on cash balances to the following funds: General Fund, At-Risk Funds, Professional Development, Parents as Teachers, Vocational Education and the Bilingual fund. Also, to make the provisions of New Section 25 to take place on December 30 of each year.*

The motion passed.

-----(Attachment 4).

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Written testimony only was provided by Elaine Fasulo, M.A., CCC-SLP, Asst. Dir. Of Special Ed. Olathe Public Schools. (Attachment 5).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

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