

Approved: March 20, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairperson, at 1:30 pm on March 14, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

SB 153 - authorizing contributions to accounts under the Kansas individual data on students program.

A motion was made by Senator Vratil and seconded by Senator Teichman to amend **SB 153** by making the changes proposed by the State Treasurer. The motion passed.

Senator Teichman made a motion, seconded by Senator Umbarger, to recommend **SB 153**, as amended, favorably for passage. The motion passed.

Senator Teichman made a motion, seconded by Senator Vratil, to remove the contents of **HB 2004** and insert the contents of **SB 153**, making the final bill a Senate Substitute for **HB 2004**. The motion passed.

HB 2269 - school districts; finance; amendments to funding formula.

A motion was made by Senator Vratil and seconded by Senator Schmidt to table **HB 2269**. The motion passed.

HB 2444 - Grades K-12; use of seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities; reporting thereof.

Senator Vratil made a motion, seconded by Senator Teichman, to table **HB 2444**, in light of the information provided by the State Board of Education. The motion passed.

Senator Owens requested to be recorded as a nay vote.

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A motion was made by Senator Wagle and seconded by Senator Abrams requesting the Committee send a letter to the State Board of Education requesting that the Board adopt rules and regulations related to seclusion and restraint and include in those rules and regulations a variety of methods educators could use to help children in the classroom. This would include Multi-tier System of Supports and Positive Behavior Support or Positive Behavior Interventions and Support. The motion passed.

Copies were distributed of a survey conducted by the Kansas Association of School Boards regarding **HB 2444**. (Attachment 1).

Copies of a letter from the State Board of Education Chair, David Dennis, regarding **HB 2444** were also distributed. (Attachment 2).

SB 450/Senate substitute for HB 2200.

Senator Teichman made a motion, seconded by Senator Hensley to reconsider SB 450. The motion passed.

Senator Vratil spoke of an amendment to **SB 450** that would set the base state aid per pupil for the 2012-2013 school year at \$3,854 and \$3,928 for the 2013-2014 school year. This would allow local boards of education to increase the local option budget authority up to 32 percent in school year 2012-2013 via a local school board resolution and allow local boards of education to increase the local option budget authority to 33 percent in school year 2013-2014. This latter increase would require a majority vote of qualified electors.

In addition, Senator Vratil expressed concern over the underfunding of equalization aid and told Committee members he would offer a motion to the Ways and Means Committee that \$19.0 million per year for three consecutive years should be done until equalization aid was funded by the 100 percent level.

Senator King requested a division of Senator Vratil's motion into three amendments. The first amendment related to base state aid per pupil amounts, the second amendment related to the local option budget and the third amendment related to the increases of their local option budget via resolution in the upcoming school year and via an election in years thereafter. All three requests were voted on and accepted.

A motion was made by Senator Vratil and seconded by Senator Owens to accept these amendments. The motion passed.

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*A motion was made by Senator Teichmen and seconded by Senator Vratil to remove the contents of **HB 2200** and insert the amended contents of **SB 450** into a Senate Substitute for **HB 2200**. The motion passed.*

Copies of an local option budgets as amended by the Committee regarding **SB 450** were provided by the State Department of Education. (Attachment 3).

Copies were also distributed of the Department of Education's amended school finance plan. (Attachment 4).

SB 410 - school districts; requirements regarding identification of pupils with dyslexia and provision of services for such pupils.

*A motion was made by Senator Owens and seconded by Senator Abrams to recommend **SB 410** favorably for passage.*

*Senator Vratil made a substitute motion, seconded by Senator Hensley to amend **SB 410**.*

The Chair told the Committee that discussion and action on **SB 410** would be continued at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2012.