

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on January 18, 2006 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Carl Krehbiel- excused
Representative Sydney Carlin- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor
Haley DaVee, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bob Master, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan called the meeting to order and asked if anyone on the committee or in the audience had requests for bill introductions. Jeremy Barclay, Department of Corrections, requested a bill that would allow the department to have access to KAN-ED.

Representative Carlin moved that the bill be introduced. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorf.

The motion carried.

Chairman Sloan opened the hearing on:

HB 2572: Private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions; clean-up amendments.

Chairman Sloan welcomed Robert Masters, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kansas Board of Regents, to the committee to testify in support of **HB 2572**. He stated that the legislation basically is designed to simply clean up current private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institution statutes. This act would no longer use the term proprietary schools instead substituting private and out-of-state post secondary educational institutions. He noted that it makes the language consistent with new legislation and establishes a more accurate reflection of the Kansas Board of Regents authority. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Sloan opened the floor for questions.

Representative Hill raised a question regarding whether some members of the advisory committee created under this legislation would be from outside the state of Kansas. Representative Horst agreed that this could be a problem and language should be proposed to state that only Kansas residents may serve on the advisory committee.

There being no further questions, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2572** and opened the hearing on:

HB 2575: Kansas challenge to secondary school pupils; concurrent enrollment; gifted children; technical colleges.

Chairman Sloan recognized Robert Masters, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kansas Board of Regents. Mr. Masters indicated that the bill would amend the statute authorizing concurrent enrollment in two ways: 1) it would allow gifted high school students in grades 9-12 to become concurrent enrollment students and 2) it would allow technical colleges to offer concurrent enrollment. He stated that the bill supports the Board of Regent's efforts to provide increased concurrent enrollment opportunities for qualified students in Kansas. (Attachment 2).

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Chairman Sloan opened the floor for questions. Representatives Storm, Winn, and Horst, Chairman Sloan inquired about the definition of gifted students and how concurrently enrolled students are counted for financial purposes.

There being no further questions, Chairman Sloan closed the discussion on **HB 2575**.

Chairman Sloan asked the committee to review information he provided regarding educational goals established by the Virginia Legislature. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Sloan adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 231-N.