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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 17, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Representative Benjamin Hodge- excused  
Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Rob Edleston, Kansas Assoc of Technical Schools & Colleges  
Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Representative Deena Horst

The Chair inquired of the Committee if there were any bill introductions. Representative Colloton advised it is the goal of the state of Kansas to promote a healthier school environment and a higher level of physical fitness in Kansas children. With that statement, Representative Colloton moved the motion which was seconded by Representative Craft. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave an overview of the Report of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (LEPC) who recommended ten bills for introduction during the 2007 Session. (Attachment #1)

Ms. Wenger also gave an overview of the Kansas Technical College and Vocational School Commission preliminary report which stated the Commission was created by the 2006 Legislature to study the mission, governance, and funding of Kansas technical colleges and vocational education schools. (Attachment #2)

Before beginning the bill hearings, the Chairman recognized Representative Hill who introduced to the Committee, Dr. Mike Lane, President of Emporia State University.

### **HB 2014 - Establishing the technical college and technical commission; powers and duties.**

Rob Edleston, addressed the Committee as a proponent of HB 2014. (Attachment #3)

Following questions and answers of the Committee, the hearing was closed on HB 2014.

### **HB 2017 - English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) commission; preparation of beginning teachers to teach English language learners.**

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes, gave a brief overview of HB 2017.

Written testimony from United School Administrators of Kansas (USA Kansas) was distributed to all Committee members. (Attachment #4)

Representative Horst gave a brief background of the development of HB 2017. (Attachment #5)

After a lengthy discussion of questions and answers, Representative Colloton requested a report from the Kansas Board of Regents regarding status of teacher education programs in preparing teachers to better teach English Language Learners (ELL).

The hearing for HB 2017 was concluded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2007.