

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathe Decker at 9:00 AM on March 8, 2005 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dale Dennis, Dep. Comm. Of Ed
Jim Hathaway, USD 204
Eldon Chlumsky, Wichita Public Schools

SB 42 - concerning teacher; relating to certification thereof; amending K.S.A. 72-1387 and repealing the existing section.

Brief - SB 42 would remove the teacher certification fee limitation and allow the State Board of Education to set the licensure fee for all Kansas teachers and administrators.

Dale Dennis testified before the Committee, recommending that K.S.A. 72-1387 be amended to permit the State Board to determine the licensure fee and strike language which places a cap of \$24 per license. (Attachment 1).

Discussion followed.

With no other questions or comments, Chairman Decker closed the hearing on **SB 42**.

SB 43 - concerning payments to schools for driver training courses; amending K.S.A. 8-272 and repealing the existing section.

Brief - SB 43, as amended, would do the following: remove the stipulation that \$1,540,000 is to be distributed each year to school districts for driver training courses; removed the stipulation that \$210,000 is to be distributed each year to school districts for motorcycle safety courses; and remove the stipulation that \$70,000 is to be distributed each year to school districts for truck driver training courses.

Dale Dennis testified before the Committee. Looking at the bill on line 24, he pointed out to the Committee that the appropriation amount is in the statute. (Attachment 2). A recommendation was made that the dollar limit in K.S.A. 8-272 be eliminated and that the amount earmarked, without a limitation be available for distribution to schools to reimburse them for the number of students completing driver education. We currently reimburse school districts approximately \$84 per driver education student which equates to about 27 percent of the districts' cost for driver education. Amending K.S.A. 8-272 would have the effect of offsetting the cost to the students and their parents as well as transfers from the schools districts' operating funds.

Discussion followed.

Next to testify as a proponent for **SB 43** was James Hathaway. A handout by district name and USD number was distributed, showing public and private districts that offer driver education. A total of 298 schools were on the list. (Attachment 3).

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Eldon Chlumsky appeared as a proponent for **SB 43**, (Attachment 4). As a district that supports driver education for a major community in his state, he encouraged the Committee to remove the cap placed on Driver Education funds, thus allowing the Kansas State Department of Education to appropriately distribute such funds to approved driver education programs across the state.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Representative Craft and seconded by Representative Horst to work **SB 42**.

Representative Yonally made a motion to do the technical clean up that has been recommended. Seconded by Representative Horst, the motion passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Horst and seconded by Representative Storm to pass **SB 42** favorably as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Representative Storm made a motion to do a cleanup to reflect that the Board of Regents is responsible for the truck and part of the motorcycle driving training. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst and passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Loganbill to pass **SB 43** favorably as amended. This was seconded by Representative Roth and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting of the full committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2005.