

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:40 p.m. on March 14, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Ralph Ostmeyer- 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  
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Possible action on bills previously heard:

**HB 2014 – Postsecondary education; establishing the technical college and technical school commission; powers and duties**

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the provisions of the bill.

Senator Teichman moved to recommend HB 2014 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Pine. The motion carried.

**Sub. for HB 2310 – School districts; policies relating to bullying**

Sharon Wenger reviewed the key provisions in the bill.

Senator Vratil moved to amend Sub. for HB 2310 by striking New Section 2 dealing with character development programs, seconded by Senator Goodwin. The motion carried.

Senator Vratil moved to amend Sub. for HB 2310 by returning the following language in the original bill: “Each year, the Board of Education shall survey the students within the district to determine the effectiveness of the district’s plan to eliminate bullying. Information collected pursuant to the survey shall include age or grade level and the sex of the student; whether or not the student was a victim of bullying or witnessed the bullying of another student; the type of bullying which the student either was a victim or witness; the age, grade level, and sex of the student who committed the bullying; the number of times the student either was a victim or a witness to bullying; and other information requested by the State Department of Education. The information collected will be recorded at the State Department of Education in the form required by the Department. The information submitted will be recorded in a manner that does not reveal the identity of the child.”, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

Senator Schodorf requested that, if the bill passed, the State Board of Education, the Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas National Education Association, and other interested groups come together during the summer months for an ad hoc work group to develop suggested policies for school boards.

Senator Vratil moved to amend Sub. for HB 2310 by changing the effective date to January 1, 2008, and to give the revisor the latitude to appropriately draft the amendment, seconded by Senator Pine. The motion carried.

Senator Lee moved to recommend Sub. for HB 2310 favorably for passage as amended, seconded by Senator Pine. The motion carried.

**HB 2343 – Establishing the early high school graduation incentive program**

Sharon Wenger distributed a memorandum prepared as requested by the Committee at the hearing on the bill concerning information about state and local high school graduation requirements and the GI Bill education benefits available. (Attachment 1) In addition, she provided information on the eligibility for free tuition and

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fees for dependents and spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty and prisoners of war.  
(Attachment 2)

The Committee's attention was turned to the minutes of the March 6, 7, and 8 meetings.

Senator Teichman moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 7, and 8 meetings, seconded by Senator Goodwin. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2007.