

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:40 p.m. on March 7, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Carolyn McGinn

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: Representative Clay Aurand

HB 2123 – School districts; transportation of student residing outside the district

Representative Clay Aurand testified in support of **HB 2123**. He noted that the bill related to the ten mile bus rule which became effective in 1997. He explained that, under the current rule, some families still are not able to access the school that fits their needs because the school nearest to their home is located in a nearby school district. The bill would correct this inconvenience by providing that students who live more than ten miles from their school can attend school in an adjoining district if the receiving district agrees to accept and provide transportation for the student. (Attachment 1)

There being no others wishing to testify, the hearing on **HB 2123** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2007.