

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:05 A.M. on February 22, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Owen Donohoe- excused

Marti Crow- excused

Committee staff present:

Theresa Kiernan, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Dianne Rosell, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Dale Dennis, Kansas State Department of Education

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

HB 2778: Screening and treatment for dyslexia and related disorders

Representative Rhoades moved that the Committee prepare a Resolution regarding the screening and treatment for dyslexia and related disorders and direct this to the Kansas State Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm. The motion carried. Chairman Aurand recommended Representative Rhoades develop a resolution dealing with issues surrounding dyslexia and bring that resolution back to the Committee.

HB 2734: School districts; consolidation, state financial aid

Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an explanation of **HB 2734** to Committee members.

Chairman Aurand moved for a technical amendment which would provide a school district desiring to consolidate with another district with fewer than 150 students, a guaranteed combined general fund budget for two years. If a district has more than 150 students but fewer than 200 students, the general fund budgets would be guaranteed for four years. For a district with more than 200 students, the combined general fund budgets would be guaranteed for five years. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. After a discussion among Committee members, the motion carried. Representative Faber requested his vote of “no” be recorded.

Chairman Aurand moved the previous amendment would not take effect until the 2010 - 2011 school year. The motion was seconded by Representative Otto. The motion carried. Representative Faber requested his vote of “no” be recorded.

Representative Storm moved that **HB 2734** be passed favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried. Representative Faber requested his vote of “no” be recorded.

HB 2760: School districts; consolidation; low enrollment weighting

Theresa Kiernan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, gave an explanation of **HB 2760** to Committee members.

Representative Faber moved to amend the bill to exempt districts that had more than 200 square miles and fewer than 75 students so their funding wouldn't be lowered. The motion was seconded by Representative Powers. The motion failed. Division was called and the vote was 6 - yes and 10 - no.

Chairman Aurand made a motion that would amend the bill to not take effect until the 2010 - 2011 school

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year. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried.

Representative Huebert moved for the Legislative Post Audit to look at the Augenblick and Myers study to update and then make recommendations related to the study. The motion was seconded by Representative Colloton. After a discussion, Representative Huebert withdrew the motion.

Representative Otto moved that **HB 2760** be passed favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried.

HB 2605: School finance; high density at-risk formula; linear transition Calculation

Theresa Kiernan gave an explanation of **HB 2605** to Committee members.

A memorandum which included a computer printout that compared the current at-risk high-density at-risk for 2007 - 08 and 2008 - 09 with changes in computing the high-density at-risk was distributed to Committee members. . (Attachment #1)

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit, also distributed a cost study analysis to Committee members which had been prepared by their department. (Attachment #2)

Chairman Aurand moved for an amendment which would increase the high-density at-risk weighting for districts with over 55% at-risk pupils, by a factor of .01 in school year 2008 - 09 and for districts with high-density at-risk enrollments of 44% or fewer at-risk pupils, the multiplier would be '0'. This would be revenue neutral. The motion was seconded by Representative Colloton. The motion carried. The following requested their vote of "no" be recorded: Representatives Palmer, Trimmer, Horst, Otto, and Powers.

Representative Palmer requested to be on record as speaking on behalf of USD 234, which is Fort Scott, they would definitely be a loser so she would be opposed to this.

Representative Flaherty moved to add the \$2 million to hold harmless as earlier testimony indicated this is what would be needed. Representative Trimmer seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Representative Storm moved that **HB 2605** be passed favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Craft. The motion carried. A division was called with 13 'yes' and 5 'no'. The following requested their vote of "no" be recorded: Representatives Trimmer, Palmer, Horst, Otto, and Powers.

Representative Horst announced the House Education Sub-committee would meet on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 9:00 am in the Old Supreme Court Room (313-S).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2008.