

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:05 A.M. on March 18, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Benjamin Hodge- absent
Steve Huebert- absent

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

SB 404: Kansas academy of mathematics and science; admission of nonresidents; fees and tuition; attendance and qualified admissions, exceptions

Chairman Aurand reminded the Committee of previous discussions and amendments regarding **SB 404**.

A balloon amendment was distributed to Committee members with regard to the amendments by Chairman Aurand and Representative Storm that were already adopted. (Attachment #1)

Representative Colloton moved for an amendment to SB 404 which would eliminate the foreign or out-of-state student and admission of students would be limited to Kansas students. Representative Mah seconded the motion. The motion passed with a show of hands, yes - 12 and no - 9. Representative Otto requested his 'no' vote be recorded for the record. (Attachment #2)

A lengthy discussion among Committee members occurred regarding this bill.

Representative Colloton moved to strike the wording for the LOB portion (page 7, line 5), "plus the percentage of local option budget, adopted by the board of education of the school district in which the pupil is enrolled". The motion was seconded by Representative Mah. The motion failed with a show of hands, yes - 7 and no - 14.

Theresa Kiernan, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, advised of a technical amendment which was clarifying the compulsory attendance position on page 2. Chairman Aurand stated that, without objection, the correction should be drafted.

Representative Otto moved to strip the state general funds out of this bill and if they want to go forward, as originally drafted, to get grants. The motion was seconded by Representative Powers. The motion failed by show of hands.

Representative Spalding gave an explanation of material handed entitled "Getting to College Early". (Attachment #3)

Representative Horst moved to pass out SB 404 favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Spalding. The motion carried by a show of hands, yes - 14 and no - 3. Representative Otto requested his vote of "no" be recorded for the record.

SB 426: School districts; enrollment and general fund budget in certain districts affected by disasters.

Representative Hill advised Committee members of the report on Sub-Committee on school finance for school districts facing disasters. The Sub-Committee recommends that **HB 2776** be combined with **SB 426**. The Sub-Committee also recommended that the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (LEPC) review State law related to how disasters and declining enrollment affect school district funding and consider legislative changes that could provide assistance with future disasters and declining enrollment, regardless of the cause. (Attachment #4 and #5)

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2008.