

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Acting-Chairman Sue Storm at 9:05 A.M. on February 15, 2008 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Clay Aurand- excused  
Deena Horst- excused  
Owen Donohoe- excused  
Benjamin Hodge- excused  
Steve Huebert- excused  
Ted Powers- 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  
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit  
Representative Pat Colloton  
Representative Don Hill  
Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards  
Dr. Gary George, Olathe School District  
John Heim, Superintendent, Emporia USD 253

**HB 2777: School districts; enrollment; second count-date**

Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit, gave a report to Committee members of the findings, conclusions, and recommendations from their completed performance audit, *K-12 Education: Estimating the Impact of a Second Count Date on School District Funding*. (On file - Legislative Post Audit)

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education, explained to Committee members of a computer printout which provided an indication of the additional funding that school districts would receive if there was a second enrollment count on February 20. The increased FTE enrollment would be counted at .5 as provided in **SB 459**. (Attachment #1)

Representative Pat Colloton urged Committee members to support HB 2777 which allows a school district to receive additional funds when a significant number of new students move into the school district after the September 20 count date. (Attachment #2)

Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director/Advocacy, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified before the Committee members in support of **HB 2777** which would allow districts that increase enrollment over a certain threshold between September 20 and February 20, to receive additional funding for those students. (Attachments #3)

Written testimony was received from Dr. Gary George, Olathe School District in support of **HB 2777** (Attachment #4)

A question and answer session followed the presentations.

The hearing on **HB 2777** was closed.

**HB 2776: School districts; adjusted enrollment of USD 253 for school year 2008 - 2009.**

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, told Committee members that HB 2776 had been changed to include: (2) "School District" means U.S.D. No. 251, north Lyon county, U.S.D., No.

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252, southern Lyon county, U.S.D. No 253, Emporia, U.S.D. No. 284, Chase county. (Attachment #5)

Representative Don Hill spoke to Committee members regarding the job displacement situation in Emporia and its impact on the community and surrounding area and urged support of **HB 2776**. (Attachment #6)

John Heim, Superintendent, USD 253, spoke to Committee members of the elimination of jobs because of the Tyson closure. Superintendent Heim urged support of **HB 2776**. (Attachment #7)

A question and answer session followed the presentations.

The hearing on **HB 2776** was closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2008.