

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Molly Baumgardner at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Arianna Waddell, Legislative Research Department  
Cyndie Rexer, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Melissa Renick, Legislative Research Department  
Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

No list available

**Final action on bills previously heard**

Chair Baumgardner called the Committee to work **SB428** by asking Tamera Lawrence, Senior Assistant Revisor, The Office of the Revisor of Statutes, to review the bill for the Committee.

The Chair opened discussion on **SB428** and asked if there were any amendments.

Senator Pettey requested an amendment to strike on page 1, line 26 beginning with the word "Such" and continuing through Line 31. The wordage proficient and academically prepared is inaccurate. Senator Gossage requested a substitute motion to only strike in Line 27 the word "considered" and on lines 28 and 30 to delete the wording up to the word "scoring". Debate ensued as to the wording. The Chair advised Senator Pettey and Senator Gossage that the Revisor and her proofing team would make the wording grammatically correct. ([Attachment 1](#))

*Senator Pettey moved to accept the substitute motion to **SB428** by rewording the lines regarding scoring the levels on the state assessment. Senator Dietrich seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.*

Senator Pettey requested an amendment to remove the word "proficiency" in line 36. After discussion, the Chair asked if there was a second on the motion. Seeing none the amendment dies. Senator Erickson explained that although the word proficiency was not acceptable, but academically prepared is acceptable.

*Senator Gossage moved, Senator Dietrich seconded, to recommend **SB428** as amended, favorably for.*

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*passage. On a voice vote of aye. The motion passed.*

The Chair called the Committee to work **SB544** by asking the Revisor for an review of the bill. The Chair opened the discussion and inquired if there were any amendments. Seeing none, the Chair offered an amendment to clarifying eligibility and striking "academic excellence" and "academically talented" and inserting "education opportunity" throughout the bill.

*Chair Baumgardner moved, Senator Erickson seconded, to adopt the proposed amendment. Motion carried on voice vote.*

The Chair offered an amendment requested by Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to insert into line 12 on page 2 after the word university "postsecondary education institution as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201B, and amendments thereto". During discussion, Senator Erickson suggested a revision to clarify who is eligible to receive this scholarship. The revisor suggested "an individual who does not have a parent or guardian who has completed a baccalaureate degree." ([Attachment 2](#))

*Chair Baumgardner moved, Senator Erickson seconded, to adopt the proposed amendment. On a voice vote, the motion carried.*

The Chair offered an amendment requested by KBOR to include community colleges and technical schools. So on page 2, the word "all" be inserted in line 12 to make it "all" postsecondary institutions. ([Attachment 3](#))

*Senator Gossage moved, Senator Erickson seconded, to adopt the proposed amendment. Motion carried on a voice vote. The motion carried.*

*Senator Erickson moved, Senator Gossage seconded, to recommend **SB544** as amended, favorably for passage. The motion passed.*

The Chair called the Committee to work **House Substitute for HB2494** by asking the Revisor to give a review of the bill. The Chair opened the discussion and inquired if there were any amendments.

Senator Blasi requested an amendment to include "outdoor venue" to cover sporting events. ([Attachment 4](#))

*Senator Blasi made a motion to include "outdoor venue" to the bill, Senator Sykes seconded. On a voice vote, the motion failed.*

*Senator O'Shea moved, Senator Sykes seconded, to recommend **HB2494** favorably for passage. By a show of hands the motion failed.*

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The Chair called the Committee to work **HB2567** by asking the Revisor to give a review of the bills. The Chair opened the discussion and inquired if there were any amendments. None were requested.

Senator Dietrich moved, Chair Baumgardner seconded to recommend **HB2567** favorably for passage. By a voice vote the motion failed.

The Chair called the Committee to work **HB2613** by asking the Revisor to review the bill. The Chair opened the discussion and inquired if there were any amendments.

Senator Pettey requested an amendment to require a report annually to the Senate and House Education Committees. The amendment would be inserted on page 2 line 2(d). ([Attachment 5](#))

Senator Pettey moved, Senator Blasi seconded, to adopt the proposed amendment. The motion carried by a voice vote.

For the lack of a motion to pass out the bill, it died.

The Chair called the Committee to **HB2669** by asking the Revisor for a review of the bill. The Chair opened the discussion and inquired if there were any amendments.

Senator O'Shea moved, Senator Sykes seconded, a motion to table **HB2669**. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.