

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ralph Tanner at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Benlon moved that the minutes for January 22, 24, 29 and 31 be approved. Representative Storm seconded the motion that was passed by a voice vote.

**HB 2023 - An act concerning juveniles; relating to school attendance.**

Representative Horst spoke to the Committee in regard to **HB 2023**, pointing out the recommendations of the sub-committee. (Attachment 1). She reminded the Committee that if changes weren't made to the existing bill, there was a possible loss of federal funding in the amount of \$1 million, 350 thousand.

Representative Horst pointed to page 8, line 14, the word "bonus" and asked that it be replaced with the word "grant".

She then called their attention, again on page 8, to line 19, to "As used in this section, 'significant part of a school day' means an absence from a class period or one or more class periods on that particular school day or as defined by the local school board in their truancy plan".

After lengthy discussion, it was determined there were too many changes to be handled during the time allotted. The decision was made that Representative Horst meet again with Staff and her sub-committee to work out the details of suggested amendments and appear again before the full committee on Thursday, February 8.

The hearing on **HB 2023** was closed.

**HB 2094 - School districts, definition of juvenile detention facility for services and state grants.**

Dale Dennis of the Department of Education explained what the term "lock down" meant in regard to the schools and the different levels of confinement as labeled by the Juvenile Justice Authority under the direction of the Department of Health and Welfare.

The Chair asked that additional study be given to the various definitions and the hearing on **HB 2094** would resume on Thursday, February 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2001.