

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 A.M. on March 20, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge - absent
Representative Marti Crow - excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Tallman, Kansas Assoc. Of School Boards
Val DeFever, Schools for Quality Education
Missy Taylor, Kansas Families United for Public Education
Bob Vancrum, Blue Valley School District
Dr. Gary George, Olathe School District (Written testimony)
Terry Forsyth, KNEA (Written testimony)
Bill Brady, Schools for Fair Funding
Dr. Cindi Lane, Asst Supt, KCK School District (Written testimony)
Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education

SB 68 - School finance; non-proficient pupil weighting

Mark Tallman told Committee members that the consensus that emerged from a meeting of representatives of the KALB and Legislative Committee was that Kansas should continue to use BOTH student poverty measures AND additional criteria, such as the non-proficient weighting, to determine funding for at-risk student support programs. And further, supported removing the expiration on Non-Proficient Weighting, as contained in **SB 68**. (Attachment #1)

Val DeFever urged Committee members to continue using the two identification methods presently in place: a count of students on free lunch and those who are non-proficient of the state assessment. (Attachment #2 and #3)

Missy Taylor spoke to the Committee members and urged support to remove the expiration of the non-proficient weight as contained in **SB 68**. (Attachment #4)

Bob Vancrum spoke to Committee members as a proponent of **SB 68** and stated the bill significantly simplified the methods for computing this weighting while being revenue neutral as far as the actual dollars which would have been appropriated under it this year and would remove provisions requiring this weighting to sunset after this year. (Attachment #5)

Cheryl Semmel spoke to Committee members as a proponent of **SB 68** (Attachment #6).

Written testimony in support of **SB 68** was received from Dr. Gary George (Attachment #7) and Terry Forsyth (Attachment #8)

Written testimony in opposition of **SB 68** was received from Dr. Cynthia Lane. (Attachment #9)

Bill Brady spoke to Committee members in opposition to **SB 68**. (Attachment #10)

Handout material relating to **SB 68** was received from Dale Dennis which provides the estimated non-proficient state aid to school districts for the 2007 - 08 school year. (Attachment #11)

The Chairman then closed the hearing on **SB 68**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SB 129 - School safety violations; suspension of driving privileges

Representative Horst moved to amend **SB 129** to include clarification language regarding action that will take place if timely notification requirements are not followed when a student commits a school safety violation. The motion was seconded by Representative Spalding and passed on a voice vote.

After a brief discussion among Committee members, Representative Otto moved to pass out **SB 129** favorably as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Craft and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007.