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February 14, 2012

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Kiegerl at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:

June Christensen, Committee Assistant
Renaë Jefferies, Office of the Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Approval of January 12, 17, 24, 26, 31, and February 2, 2012, Minutes

Representative Rubin moved, seconded by Representative Wolf, to approve the January 12, 17, 24, 26, 31, and February 2, 2012, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Action on **HB 2444-Grades K-12, use of seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities, reporting thereof**–

Representative Kiegerl introduced Ms. Renaë Jefferies, Office of the Kansas Revisor of Statutes, to review the proposed bill. She distributed a copy of a proposed balloon amendment and explained that it would change the reporting date to the Legislature from January 20, 2013, to January 20, 2014, as there would only be a six-months' reporting period for the schools to implement the provisions. (Attachment 1).

Copies of correspondence relevant to the bill were distributed. (Attachments 2, 3, and 4).

Representative Roth moved, seconded by Representative Rubin, that the committee favorably pass HB 2444-Grades K-12, use of seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities, reporting thereof, out of committee.

Discussion followed regarding the change of date and what effect it would have on the reporting. Sue Storm, member of the Kansas State Board of Education and a representative from the

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Kansas State Department of Education clarified that schools report from July 1 to June 30 and that a January 20, 2014, report date would be more suitable, since the Legislature would be in session. It would also allow adequate time for schools to make their reports. Representative Meigs expressed some concern that teachers were already overloaded and that extra paperwork and more training might take more time. Discussion also included training and who it would include. Representative Rubin indicated he thought that different portions of the bill address many of the concerns expressed.

Representative Rubin moved, seconded by Representative Miller-McCray, that page 3, section 4c, line 16, be amended to change the year from 2013 to 2014. The amendment carried unanimously.

Representative Rubin moved, seconded by Representative McCray Miller, that page 2, section 3a, line 5, be amended to strike the verbiage "with a disability." The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Gregory expressed her concern that passage of the bill might cause parents to file more lawsuits against school districts, discourage them from working with school staff, and also increase costs to schools that are already having budget issues.

Representative McCray-Miller said she believed many school districts, particularly the larger ones, are doing a good job and that school personnel might benefit from more adequate training. She also noted that passage from the committee would not necessarily make it into law but would allow the full body an opportunity to discuss and vote on it. She said she would support passage of the bill.

Chairman Kiegerl said if there was no more discussion, the vote on the main motion would be taken.

The main motion that **HB 2444**, as amended, be favorably moved from the committee. The motion passed six to two, Representative Meigs and Gregory opposed, and Representative Roth absent.

Chairman Kiegerl said the committee would address **HB 2537-Children in need of care, access to records.**

Representative Rubin moved, seconded by Representative Brunk, that **HB2537** be favorably moved from the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Kiegerl announced that the next meeting would be Thursday, February 16, and that two new bills will be heard. Another bill from the Social Services Budget committee will be considered further after more information is received.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.