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### **MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carolyn McGinn at 9:15 AM on Thursday, April 26, 2012 in 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Senators Emler and Vratil, who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Jan Lunn, Committee Assistant  
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senator McGinn's Office  
Eli Johns, Intern, Senator McGinn's Office  
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Michael Steiner, Senior Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Bobbi Mariani, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education  
Representative Mike Burgess, 51st District  
Anthony Schlinsog, Chief Information Technology Officer, Executive Branch

Hearing on:

**HB 2777--Authorizing the payment for paraprofessional services by school districts to the state school for the deaf and the state school for the blind**

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of Education, briefed committee members on **HB 2777**, which amends current law to include special education paraprofessionals who assist in providing special education and related services to students at the Kansas School for the Deaf and the Kansas School for the Blind. (Attachment 1) Traditionally the Schools have billed districts when a child has an individual education plan (IEP) and this past year, it was realized that the statute does not allow billing for tuition fees or maintenance. School districts would be authorized to seek reimbursements for the charges from special education state aid.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2777** was provided by Madeline Burkindine, Superintendent for the Kansas State Schools for the Blind and Deaf. (Attachment 2)

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*Senator Masterson moved to pass out favorably **HB 2777**; Senator Schodorf seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.*

Hearing on:

**HB 2650--Establishing the office of information technology services and the executive chief information technology officer: powers and duties**

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisors of Statutes, briefed committee members on **HB 2650**, which would enact the Kansas One Map Act. It requires implementation of an overall Kansas Land and Geographic Resources Program (through the use of a geographic information system), establishes the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Policy Board within the Department of Administration, and establishes the position of State Geographic Information Systems Officer, who would be appointed by the Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO). Discussion and questions followed in which it was explained that the bill prohibits compensation, subsistence, mileage or associated expenses for board members. Concern was expressed that since five of the board members represent local government entities, the bill should not preclude local government entities to reimburse their members for mileage or other expenses, if desired. (Attachment 3)

Representative Mike Burgess spoke in support of **HB 2650**; he explained the background and history of the bill surrounding the GIS components contained in it (Attachment 4). Representative Burgess indicated there would be no fiscal impact since there is an existing Board which will be reduced from its current size to 21 members; the current board has been in existence since 1989. The Board is accountable for policy decisions which will enable the appropriate state and private sector industries to view, understand, interpret, and visualize data in ways that reveal relationships, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, reports, and charts. Representative Burgess reviewed the board's composition and commented that the bill moves authority from the Department of Administration to the Executive Branch CITO.

In response to a question as to whether or not this Board could eventually merge with the Legislative Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT), Representative Burgess responded that the role of the JCIT is one of oversight for various information systems; the role of the GIS Policy Board is one of creating standardized policy related to geographic information systems.

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Anthony Schlinsog, Executive Banch CITO, discussed with committee members the responsibilities of his office and described the primary purpose of **HB 2650**, which is to change the name of the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) to the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) and includes alterations to align information systems initiatives that produce efficiency, facilitate interagency IT projects, and interoperability without preferential treatment or cross-subsidization of systems at the expense of others. (Attachment 5) He encouraged favorable passage of **HB 2650**.

### Kansas Legislative Research Department Resources:

Chairperson McGinn called committee members' attention to handouts distributed by KLRD, which contain information necessary for deliberations on **SB 449**, which will be discussed on April 27. (Attachment 6)

### Minutes approval:

Senator Teichman moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 23, 30, 31; February 1, 17, 22, 29; March 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20 and 21, 2012; Senator Kultala seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote.

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