

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on January 31, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Tim Owens – excused
Senator Susan Wagle - excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department\
Laura Younker, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas Department of Education
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jack E. Walker, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Fort Leavenworth, KS
Dr. Rob Edleston, President, Kansas Association of Technical Colleges (written only)
Dr. Blake Flanders, Vice President Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on **SB 11 – Authorizing transportation of students residing on Fort Leavenworth military reservation**

Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, appeared before the committee regarding **SB 11**. This legislation would authorize USD #207, Fort Leavenworth, to provide transportation for any student in grades ten through 12 who reside on the Fort Leavenworth military reservation, but who are enrolled and attend high school in USD #453, Leavenworth. This bill was brought about because Federal funds for this transportation will no longer be available starting September 2011.

Senator Kelly Kultala appeared before the committee as a proponent. She stated she had introduced the bill on behalf of USD #207, the Ft. Leavenworth School District, and USD #453, Leavenworth School District. She stated Mr. Keith Mispagel, superintendent of USD #207, as well as Jack Walker, Deputy to the Garrison Commander of Ft. Leavenworth were also present as proponents of the legislation.

Jack E. Walker, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Fort Leavenworth, spoke before the committee in support of the legislation (Attachment 1). He emphasized the legislation would allow funding to be provided to USD #207, which would then allow them to bus Fort Leavenworth 10th thru 12th grade students to Leavenworth High School, USD #453. He stated there were approximately 100 students living on the post.

A short committee discussion followed.

The hearing on **SB 11** was closed.

Senator Teichman moved the committee recommend **SB 11** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Hearing on **SB 13 - Career and technical education; amendments**

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, appeared before the committee with a brief summary of provisions of **SB13**. The bill makes technical corrections and updates related to postsecondary technical education. It updates terminology, removes definitions for terms no longer used, eliminates vocational school references, adds individual institution-specific references, updates and removes obsolete sections of identified statutes, and repeals statutes no longer needed.

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Dr. Robert J. Edleston, President, Kansas Association of Technical Colleges, provided written testimony for the committee in support of the legislation (Attachment 2).

Dr. Blake Flanders, Vice President Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents, also appeared in support of **SB 13** (Attachment 3). He stated the legislation would update terminology, removing definitions for terms no longer used, and eliminate area vocational school and area-vocational technical school references. Area vocational and area vocational-technical schools no longer exist as independent legal entities in Kansas. All former schools are now merged with or otherwise incorporated into community colleges, established as independent technical colleges, or affiliated with a university. Updating terminology and including specific institutional references will add clarity and increase the specificity of the statutes and reduce potential variations in interpretations.

There being no further comments, the Hearing on **SB 13** was closed.

Senator Umbarger moved the committee recommend **SB 13** favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:48 p.m.