

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-12.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathe Decker at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Pat Baker, KASB
David Schauner, KNEA
Dr. Reed Harrison, Andover School Board Member
Robert Scheib, Supt. Of Schools, WaKeeney

Representative Ward Loyd introduced a bill that would lower the mandatory age for children to start school so that there's a requirement for all children to go to kindergarten.

Representative Horst moved that this bill be introduced as a committee bill. Representative Williams seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Representative Bob Bethell offered a bill concerning charter schools and the staffing of those schools.

Representative Beggs moved that this bill be introduced as a committee bill. Representative Hutchins seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

Representative Mason offered a conceptual draft of a bill that would limit the use of tax money for those suits filed against the state.

A motion that this bill be introduced as a committee bill was made by Representative Mason and seconded by Representative Hutchins. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Chair requested a bill that would offer an alternative teacher preparation program.

Representative Decker moved that this bill be introduced as a committee bill. Representative Mason seconded the motion which passed on a voice vote.

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Representative Reardon requested a resolution that would encourage local boards of education that even in these difficult financial times to maintain their commitment to early childhood education.

It was moved by Representative Reardon that this be introduced as a committee resolution. The motion was seconded by Representative Storm and passed on a voice vote.

Representative Peterson request a bill that would change the manner in which early childhood programs for special education are handled in the public schools.

Representative Peterson moved that this bill be introduced as a committee bill and Representative Crow seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Representative Miller asked the Chair if he could incorporate **HB 2153** into **HB 2060** when **HB 2060** was worked by the committee on Friday, February 7. The Chair assured Representative Miller this would be possible.

HB 2059 - Relating to teachers' contracts.

Pat Baker appeared before the committee as a proponent of **HB 2059**. (Attachment 1).

Following a question and answer session, David Schauner testified in opposition of **HB 2059**. (Attachment 2).

HB 2060 - Relating to non-renewal or termination of contracts.

Dr. Reed Harrison spoke as a proponent of **HB 2060**. (Attachment 3).

Robert Scheib testified in favor of **HB 2060**. (Attachment 4).

Written testimony in support of **HB 2060** was distributed to the committee. This was submitted by Terry Collins, Special Education teacher from Pittsburg and Brilla Highfill Scott, Executive Director of United School Administrators. (Attachment 5).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2003.