

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:38 p.m. on March 10, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research  
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Christy Levings, KNEA  
Jim Edwards, KASB  
Reggie Robinson, President & CEO, KS Board of Regents  
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes

Others attending: See attached list

### **HB 2006–Renaming the state inservice education opportunities act the education professional development act**

Christy Levings explained that **HB2006** was simply to rename the “State Inservice Education Opportunity Act” to the “Education Professional Development Act”. The term inservice has become outdated and the term professional development is more acceptable. ([Attachment 1](#))

After Committee discussion, a motion was made by Senator Teichman to recommend **HB2006** favorably for passage. Seconded by Senator Schodorf. Motion carried.

### **HB 2179–Prohibiting a state officer or employee from being a member of the state board of education**

Jim Edwards, Governmental Relations Specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to **HB2179**. The element of the bill that KASB opposes would be that of allowing officers and employees of school districts to serve on the school board. These individuals would have greater chances of having conflicts of interest arising than would persons without those direct connections. After Committee discussion, it was suggested that an amendment eliminating the words school district and a comma would satisfy the objections of KASB on **HB2179**. ([Attachment 2](#))

The hearing on **HB2179** was closed.

### **SB 7–Technical Colleges, governing body**

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes explained amendments pending on **SB7**. The first amendment suggested by Wichita Area Technical College would insert a new section 2, paragraph c, deleting “upon approval of the plan by the state board of regents, and on the date determined in the approved plan” and inserting “the plan must be approved by both the technical college board and the state board of regents before it is implemented. Upon implementation of the plan” followed by the current language in the bill. (Attachment 3)

Reggie Robinson, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, shared additional thoughts on **SB7**. At this point, the Board would like to point out that **SB7** would not result in immediate separation of the affected technical colleges from their governing local boards of education. It would trigger the start of a more than 2-year period for the development of plans to achieve that separation. The planning would be a locally driven process to be mutually satisfactory to local boards and the Board of Regents. The Regents commits to provide all of the support and advocacy that it can to move such legislation forward. (Attachment 4)

The Committee discussed an amendment regarding local taxing authority for technical schools and Senator Schodorf recommended that an interim study be made to make sure all questions are answered before plans are developed. She believes the bill is incomplete in funding issues and she believes that there should be a template to follow so that all technical colleges know what is expected so that they come up with similar plans, rather than 4 or 5 different plans. Chairman Umbarger believes that a part of **SB7** is working out the plans and differences.

After the discussion, a motion was made by Senator Vratil to recommend **SB7** favorable for passage without amendment. Seconded by Senator Oleen. Motion carried with two no votes by Senator Schodorf and Senator Corbin.

Written testimony that was requested from Lynn Rogers, Wichita school board member and Lee Alderman, Flint Hills District Emporia on **SB7** from testimony given on March 6 was distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 123-S.