

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:52 p.m. on March 13, 2001 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
 Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
 Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
 Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Natalie Haag, Chief Legal Counsel, Director Governor Affairs

Others attending: See Attached List

SB2289--School safety, suspension of driving privileges of pupils for commission of certain acts

Natalie Haag added comments to her previous testimony that the Motor Vehicle Department has been holding hearings under current law which means that when you make the changes the Governor suggested, the only practical affect is that the person who notified the Motor Vehicle Division has to be a law enforcement officer instead of a school administrator.

Senator Teichman offered a motion to move **HB2289** favorably. Seconded by Senator Vratil. In discussion, Senator Jenkins reminded the Committee that an amendment had been discussed earlier and the Committee agreed the amendment was needed. The motion to pass the bill was withdrawn.

The amendment is described in the testimony of Natalie Haag dated March 5, 2001. (Attachment 1) The wording of the amendment was discussed by staff and Natalie Haag. Senator Vratil made a motion to amend **HB2289** by adding the proposed amendments submitted by Natalie Haag in her letter of March 5th and on page 4 of the bill, beginning in line 10 to make the bill read, “there are reasonable grounds to believe the pupil committed an act which involved possession of a weapon, controlled substance or illegal drug at school, upon school property or at a school supervised activity or engaged in behavior at school, upon school property or at a school supervised activity which resulted in, or was substantial likely to have resulted in, serious bodily injury to others” or words to that effect appropriately selected by staff. Motion was seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Senator Vratil for passage of **HB2289** favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

SB191--School districts, state grants to study teacher compensation plans for development of alternative compensation plans

Senator Vratil made a motion to amend **SB191** as requested by Dr. Gary George, Olathe School District, to permit school districts to offer voluntarily to teachers a tax sheltered annuity. There would be nothing mandatory. A teacher could voluntarily request a deduction from their paycheck for the tax sheltered annuity and it would also authorize the Board of Education or Board of Trustees to contribute to an employee tax sheltered annuity up to or equal to what the teachers can contribute. Some districts are already doing this and this would legitimize this procedure. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Senator Jenkins made a motion to further amend **SB191** to change the wording on Line 21 to “that may include” components of peer mentoring and peer evaluation. The motion to amend was seconded by Senator Downey. Motion carried.

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Senator Vratil made a motion to pass **SB191** favorably as amended. Seconded by Senator Downey. Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger recognized former Representative Richard Reinhardt, who served 12 years as a Representative, as a special guest today.

Senator Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2001. Seconded by Senator Vratil. Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2001.