

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice - Chair Deena Horst at 9:00 A.M. on March 22, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Benjamin Hodge - absent
Representative Marti Crow - excused

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michele Alishahi, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ashley Holm, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Janet Henning, Committee Assistant

A computer printout for Non-Proficient State Aid from the Kansas State Department of Education was given to all Committee members. (Attachment #1)

Representative Loganbill made the motion to amend SB 68 to include a two year sunset. (Attachment #2) The motion was seconded by Representative Donohoe. A question and answer session occurred between Committee members. Following a voice vote, a division was called for and the motion failed by a 10 (no) - 6 (yes) vote.

Representative Phelps moved to amend SB 68 which would require that in order for school districts to qualify for the cost-of-living or declining enrollment weighting, the district would have had to adopt an LOB in an amount equal to the state prescribed percentage, except for those districts which had levied a tax for such purposes in school year 2006-07. The motion was seconded by Representative Mah. Following a discussion of the amendment, the motion carried on a voice vote. (Attachment #3)

Representative Donohoe made the motion for a conceptual amendment which would add in the early high school graduation bonus and scholarship program as proposed in the House Education Committee amended version of HB 2343. The motion was seconded by Representative Otto. A question and answer session occurred between Committee members. Following a voice vote, a division was called for and the motion passed by a 10 (yes) - 7 (no) vote.

Chairman Aurand returned to the Committee meeting and continued to preside over the meeting.

Representative Storm made the motion to amend SB 68 to include the House Education Committee recommended version of HB 2123. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst and carried on a voice vote.

Representative Otto moved for the Committee to pass out favorably SB 68 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Horst. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman advised this was the last meeting of the Education Committee and thanked all Committee members and staff for their support and input during this legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM. No further Education meetings are scheduled for this legislative session.