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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 12:30 p.m. on February 19, 1993 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
LaVonne Mumert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Emert made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 1993 meeting. Senator Hensley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

SB 67 - School finance, definition of enrollment, new school facility

The Committee resumed its discussion of SB 67, begun at the February 18 meeting, and the proposed amendment explained by Senator Langworthy. Dale Dennis (State Department of Education) provided further clarification of the amendment. He said that the amendment makes the weighting on new facilities available to all districts who build a new building, if they meet the definition of increased enrollment, whether or not the district has maxed out on the 25 percent local option budget. Mr. Dennis said they believe there are at least six districts which will open a new facility this fall with an estimated 1,000 students "weighted" in total, for an estimated cost of \$4.3 million for the first year. Mr. Dennis added that the amendment also contains provisions to allow a district to appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals if a case can be made that the weighting is insufficient to meet their needs, in which case the district would have authority for a mill levy. Responding to questions, Mr. Dennis advised that a district which was not eligible under current law for first year costs would become eligible for second year costs, under the amendment. He estimates that elections in the following year would likely result in construction costs of \$225-270 million but cautioned that probably only half of those would qualify for weighted assistance.

Chairman Kerr noted that the amendment does not take into account the underlying \$3,600 per pupil figure in making an appeal on the costs of opening a school. It only refers to subtracting the money obtained from the 25 percent weighting.

After discussion, Senator Emert made a motion to amend SB 67 by inserting "more than 2 percent" after the word "decreased" on page 2, line 28. Senator Walker seconded the motion. During discussion, Senator Walker asked what the fiscal impact of the provision regarding decreased enrollment is without the proposed amendment. Dale Dennis estimated it to be roughly \$5 million. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

After further discussion, Chairman Kerr appointed a subcommittee of Senator Langworthy (Chair), Senator Jones and Senator Corbin on SB 67. He advised that he would request that the bill be referred to an "exempt" committee and re-referred to this Committee.

SB 64 - School districts, contingency reserve funds, maintenance of excess amounts

Senator Emert made a motion to amend SB 64 by inserting "5" in place of "1" on line 25. Senator Frahm seconded the motion. After discussion, Senator Walker made a substitute motion to amend SB 64 by inserting "2" in place of "1" on line 25. Senator Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Senator Langworthy made a motion that SB 64, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage. Senator Frahm seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 123-S Statehouse, at 12:30 p.m. on February 19, 1993.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 1993.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TIME: 1:30 PLACE: 123-S DATE: 2/19/93

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