

Approved: March 15, 2011  
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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 9:00 a.m. On February 3, 2011, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

### Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Eunice C. Peters, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Norm Furse, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Long, Kansas Revisor of Statutes  
Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education  
Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant

### Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Sue Storm, Legislative Coordinator Kansas State Board of Education  
Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent, Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind

Others attending, see attached sheet.

### **HB 2078 - State schools for the deaf and blind; authorization to contract for training programs year round**

Chairman Aurand opened the hearing on **HB 2078**.

Sue Storm, Legislative Coordinator Kansas State Board of Education spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2078**. Ms. Storm urged the Committee to visit the School of the Deaf and the School of the Blind. Ms. Storm is impressed with the energy, competence and creativity of the people who work there. Ms. Storm also expressed with confidence that the faculty and staff at both schools are meeting the educational needs of many hearing and vision impaired young Kansans. (Attachment 1)

Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent, Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind, spoke to the Committee as a proponent of **HB 2078**. Ms. Burkindine expressed to the Committee a need for technical language clean up to allow the two schools to provide training for students on a year round basis. We are asked, more and more, to provide services to students in a variety of settings and at different times of the year – that better fit the schedule and needs of the student. Because of the wording of the current statute we are limited to providing these services in the summer only. Current statute language no longer fits the needs of our students. Your support of this technical language clean up would be greatly appreciated. (Attachment 2)

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Chairman Aurand closed the hearing on **HB 2078**.

### **HB 2079 - Authorizing transportation of students residing on Fort Leavenworth military reservation**

Chairman Aurand asked if anyone was here to speak to **HB 2079**. Chairman Aurand advised the Committee would work the Bill when it comes from the Senate.

**Representative Spalding moved to introduced a bill regarding the 700 students who currently live out of state but attend Kansas public schools. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.**

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Representative Spalding moved to introduced a bill for local school districts to increase local funds to pay for non-proficient students. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.

Representative Colloton moved to introduced a bill that would request a bill related to a Post Audit study on vocational education that was done in 2006 which suggests that some beginning general courses should not receive the extra .5 weighting vocational education per student. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.

Representative Howell moved to introduce a bill to explore requirement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students that did not meet the Standard of Excellence in Reading be held back as is being done in Florida and Georgia. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.

Representative Goodman moved to introduce a bill that would allow State Universities providing remedial classes to recoup costs of the classes from students' local school districts. It would be limited to a certain number of courses. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". Chairman Aurand was unable to determine and asked to have a show of hands. The motion failed by show of hands.

Representative Ward moved to introduce a bill that would phase out Schools of the Deaf and Blind. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a bill that would allow for extension of teachers probation period from three years to five years. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.

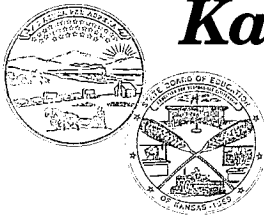
Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a bill that would mandate the first 10% of the LOB be counted as part of school district foundation funding. Chairman Aurand asked those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2011.

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February 3, 2011

To: House Education Committee  
From: Sue Storm, Legislative Coordinator  
Kansas State Board of Education  
Re: HB 2078

As you probably know, the State Board does not take a position on most bills that come before the Legislature. However, in a unanimous vote, the Board has taken a position of support for HB 2078.

If you have never visited either the School for the Deaf or the School for the Blind, I urge you to do so. The State Board visits both schools every year as we serve as the local board of education for these two institutions, a fact many people do not realize. I have been so impressed with the energy, competence, and creativity of the people who work there. When you visit, I know you will come away with the sure confidence that the faculty and staff at both schools are meeting the educational needs of many hearing and vision impaired young Kansans.

HB 2078 simply allows the schools to provide services for students without the constraints of a school calendar. I know in her testimony Ms. Burkindine will explain further.

I ask you to pass favorably HB 2078.

Sue Storm  
Legislative Coordinator  
Kansas State Board of Education

House Education Committee  
Date 2/3/11  
Attachment# 1



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Date: February 3, 2011  
To: House Education Committee  
From: Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent,  
Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind  
Subject: Testimony for HB2078

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this bill. We need a technical language clean up to allow the 2 schools to provide training for students on a year round basis. We are asked, more and more, to provide services to students in a variety of settings and at different times of the year - that better fit the schedule and needs of the student. Because of the wording of the current statute we are limited to providing these services in the summer only. Current statute language no longer fits the needs of our students. Your support of this technical language clean up would be greatly appreciated. We anticipate neutral fiscal effects with this change.