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Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Aurand at 10:45 a.m. On February 7, 2011, in Room 159-S, of the State Capitol.

All members were presents, except:
Representative Loganbill – excused

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
Jan Johnston, Committee Assistant

Chairman Aurand said the purpose of this meeting was to introduce new Bill requests because today is the last day for Committee Bill requests. We are still working on some of the final language.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill regarding graduation requirements. The Bill would define a "suitable education". Representative Huebert seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill regarding Constitutional Amendments that would eliminate the self-executing powers of the State Board of Education. Representative Howell seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill regarding the Constitutional Amendment to make it clear that all state monies appropriated for school districts should first pay the costs relating to providing a suitable education. This would be in the school finance section of the Constitution. Representative Osterman seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill regarding Constitutional amendment to abolish the State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents and make a cabinet level agency responsible for the duties of each of these entities. Representative Huebert seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Huebert moved to introduce a Bill regarding Post Audit School Consolidation entitled: "K-12 Education: Reviewing the Potential for Cost Savings From Reorganization of Kansas School Districts". Representative Grosserode seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Huebert moved to introduce a Bill that would implement the recommendations that would have made Kansas Race to the Top application more competitive, for example, changes regarding charter schools and alternative teacher certification. Representative Calloway seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Howell moved to introduce a Bill that would create an early high school graduation incentive scholarship program. Representative Spalding seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill that would allow school districts more flexibility in transferring funds from restricted funds to the general fund. Representative Osterman seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill to create a Local Activity Budget allowing school districts to raise local funds for activities. Representative Osterman seconded. Motion carried.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Chairman Aurand moved to introduce a Bill to lower the percentage of capital improvement state aid (bond and interest state aid) a school district would be eligible to receive. Representative Ryckman seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Arpke moved to introduce a Bill regarding a new way of getting new teachers certified. Representative Howell seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Knox moved to introduce a Bill regarding mineral production revenue going to school districts. Representative Osterman seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011.