

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Dwayne Umbarger at 1:40 p.m. on March 5, 2003 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research
Kathie Sparks, Legislative Research
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Steinlicht, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Dr. Amanda Golbeck, Vice President Academic Affairs,
Board of Regents

Others attending: See attached list

HB 2004–Schools; reconciling amendments to statutes that have been amended more than once

Theresa Kiernan explained that **HB2004** was introduced by LEPC and involves three bills that were passed last year, **SB551**, **HB2094** and **SB531**. On page two, some unnecessary language was deleted concerning pupils-at-risk for school year 2001-02, and page four clarifies the definition of juvenile detention facilities. The Committee discussed the meaning of “at-risk”

HB 2008–Proprietary schools; certification and registration fees
HB 2009–GED credentials; fees

Theresa Kiernan explained two bills, **HB2008** & **HB2009**, that were introduced by LEPC at the request of the Board of Regents. **HB2008** concerns fees charged by proprietary schools and certain fees charged by the state board. **HB2009** would increase the maximum amount of the fee from \$10 to \$15 for the issuance or duplication of the GED credentials and would authorize the board to charge for verifying GED credentials. The board must set the fee by June 1st for the fiscal year that begins July 1st and it would be effective upon publication of the Kansas Register.

Dr. Amanda Golbeck, Vice President Academic Affairs, Board of Regents testified in favor of **HB2008**. Dr. Golbeck testified that there is a need for fees to be set at a level that will provide for a full-time professional position, cover more of the required oversight tasks and a need for the Board of Regents to be able to respond on an annual basis to changes in actual cost of providing oversight. ([Attachment 1](#))

Dr. Amanda Golbeck, Vice President Academic Affairs, Board of Regents also testified in favor of **HB2009**. Dr. Golbeck testified that the current fee of \$7.00 for administering GED credentials does not cover the costs. **HB2009** will allow the board for the first time to charge for the time that staff members spend to verify that someone has passed the GED. It will allow increasing the maximum fee for issuing, duplicating or verifying GED credentials to \$15.00 and it will allow a change in fees to be made in June of each year to become effective July 1st of that year in coordination with fiscal year planning.

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(Attachment 2)

In discussion, it was brought to the attention of the Committee that both, **HB2008** and **HB2009** were pre-filed and reviewed by LEPC before being introduced.

Chairman Umbarger stated action would be taken on these bills at a later date.

Senator Vratil made a motion to accept the minutes of February 24th & 25th. Seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 123-S.