

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:40 p.m. on February 27, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Shirley Higgins, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

ACTION ON BILLS PREVIOUSLY HEARD:**SB 401 – School districts; pupils receiving education services while residing at a psychiatric residential treatment facility**

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office, reminded the Committee that **SB 401** was introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee at the request of the 2010 Commission. She explained that she asked the 2010 Commission to request the bill in order to correct a technical error she made. She then distributed copies of balloon amendments to include youth residential centers as suggested by Representative Kelsey at the hearing on the bill. (Attachment 1)

Senator Vratil commented that amendment adding youth residential centers to the bill would increase the number of beds funded by 500, and the fiscal note would be between \$2.2 million and \$4.4 million. Therefore, he could not support the amendment. However, he supported the original bill and the purpose behind the original bill.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend SB 401 favorably for passage without the proposed amendments, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

SB 455 – School districts; high and low enrollment weightings; adjustments based on increases in the amount of base state aid per pupil

Ms. Kiernan reminded the Committee that **SB 455**, which was introduced at the request of Senator Vratil, would provide that, beginning in school year 2008-2009 and thereafter, for every two dollar increase in the base state aid per pupil, the threshold for qualifying for the high enrollment weighting and then the corresponding change in low weighting would be reduced by one pupil. Following her brief review of the bill, the Committee debated what the effect of the bill would be.

Senator Vratil moved to amend SB 455 by changing the effective date of the bill from “after its publication in the statute book” to “July 1, 2009”, seconded by Senator Apple. The motion carried.

Senator Vratil moved to amend SB 455 on page 1, line 39, and on page 2, line 22, by striking “2008-2009” and inserting “2009-2010”, seconded by Senator Apple. The motion failed on a hand count.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend SB 455 favorably for passage as amended, seconded by Senator Allen. The motion failed on a hand count.

SB 628 – School finance; general state aid and supplemental general state aid for certain districts (Lyon County, Emporia, and Chase County)

Ms. Kiernan explained that **SB 628** would guarantee that, for school year 2008-2009, the school districts in Lyon County and U.S.D. 284 in Chase County would have at least 98 percent of the adjusted enrollment that they had in the 2007-2008 school year.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Senator Lee moved to recommend **SB 628** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Vratil. The motion carried.

SB 527 – An act concerning early childhood education; Parents as Teachers and Early Head Start; expansion of eligibility

Senator Schodorf informed the Committee that a Parents as Teachers person from Maize had told her that the Maize district and a few other districts currently provide funding for Parents as Teachers for 3 year olds. Therefore, she suggested that the early childhood programs be dropped from the bill, and Parents and Teachers remain in the bill with no funding in order to be permissive for school districts who want to work with 3 year olds. She noted that there would be no fiscal note if amended as she suggested.

Senator Steineger moved to amend **SB 527** by striking New Section 2 concerning the Early Head Start Program, seconded by Senator Vratil. The motion carried.

Senator Steineger moved to recommend **SB 527** favorably for passage as amended, seconded by Senator Vratil. The motion carried.

SB 528 – School districts; healthy weight education programs

Senator Steineger commented that he doubted that **SB 528** would pass through the legislative process, but he thought the issue should be moved along for the purpose of further discussion.

Senator Steineger moved to recommend **SB 528** favorably for passage, seconded by Senator McGinn.

Committee discussion followed at which time it was noted that the bill had a significant fiscal note.

Senator Steineger withdrew his motion.

Senator Schodorf called attention to the minutes of the February 21 meeting.

Senator Vratil moved to approve the minutes of the February 21 meeting, seconded by Senator Lee. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2008.