

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Barbara Lawrence at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2000 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
 Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
 Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
 Jackie Breymeyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Marvin Burris, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairperson Lawrence called the meeting to order and stated the agenda for the day was:

SB 380 - Kansas ethnic minority scholarship program

She explained that the bill would expand the available institutions in which a recipient could enroll to include area vocational school and technical colleges. The law now includes only the state's private colleges and public universities. There would also be a change in the funding that would allow 75% of the average amount of tuition and fees of full-time, in-state students.

Marvin Burris, Director of Fiscal Affairs, Board of Regents, gave testimony to the committee (Attachment 1). He reiterated what the Chairperson had said and stated that he had an amendment that would include words to the effect that the Kansas ethnic minority scholarship program is a program under which the state, in response to growing concerns over loss of scholastically talented ethnic minority students to postsecondary educational institutions in other states, the need to enhance the diversity of the student population at Kansas postsecondary educational institutions and the barriers to ethnic minority student enrollment in Kansas postsecondary educational institutions and for the purpose of enabling and encouraging scholastically talented ethnic minority students to remain in Kansas for the attainment of educational goals and fulfillment of career aspirations, provides financial assistance through the award of Kansas ethnic minority scholarships to Kansas ethnic minority scholars.

The Chairperson asked if the committee would like to postpone action on the bill until they could see the amendment.

The response was that it was felt action could be taken on the bill, knowing what the amendment would contain.

Senator Lee moved the amendment, seconded by Senator Jones.

The motion carried

Senator Oleen moved that SB 380 be passed favorably as amended; Senator Lee gave a second to the motion. The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned.