

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting  
Regular Session, 2012  
May 8, 2012

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., in Committee Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

## II. ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chairman  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Christopher Broadwater  
Representative Henry L. Burns  
Representative Thomas Carmody  
Representative Simone Champagne  
Representative John Bel Edwards  
Representative Cameron Henry  
Representative Paul B. Hollis  
Representative Nancy Landry  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative Jerome Richard  
Representative John M. Schroder  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson  
Representative Alfred C. Williams

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

## III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Jones, Legislative Analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, Legislative Analyst  
Jackie Snowden, Secretary  
Angelika Washington, Clerk  
Beverly Vincent and Amy Robinson, Sergeants at Arms

**IV. DISCUSSION****House Bill No. 964 by Representative Fannin**

House Bill No. 964 provides for the merger of Louisiana Tech and Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

Representative Fannin presented the bill to the committee. He was accompanied by Representative Carmody and Dr. Phillip Rozeman, representing the Shreveport-Bossier Imperative, 510 Longleaf Rd., Shreveport, LA, (318) 426-7401, who presented information and answered questions from committee members.

Representative Carter announced that amendments were pending. Representative Carmody presented the amendments that would provide as follows:

- (1) Adds proposed law provisions relative to the responsibilities of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors and the Southern University Board of Supervisors to establish branch campuses at Louisiana State University at Shreveport.
- (2) Adds proposed law provisions relative to the postsecondary education delivery system for the Northwest Region and provisions relative to the establishment and duties of the implementation group.

Dr. Randy Moffett, president, University of Louisiana System, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 342-6950, presented information and answered questions about the amendments.

Representative Carmody offered the amendments and moved that they be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 964 were Mr. Michael H. Woods, representing himself, 1046 Winterberry Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 798-2500; Mr. Brian Bond, AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company, 428 Travis St., Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 673-3595; Ms. Zazell Dudley, representing the African American Chamber of Commerce, 202 North Thomas Dr., Shreveport, LA, (318) 208-4477; Mr. Richard DesCoteaux, NWLA Manufacturing Managers council, 2500 Ron Bean Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71115, (318) 698-7525; Mr. Scott Hughes, educator, 604 Pierremont Rd., Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 286-5958; Mr. Dick Bremer, representing the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, 400 Edwards St., Shreveport, LA, (318) 677-2523; Mr. Wayne Hogue, instructor, LSU-Shreveport, 271 Sawgrass Dr., Shreveport, LA 71106, (315) 458-9306; Mr. Barry Erwin, representing the Council for a Better Louisiana, P. O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225; Dr. James A. Caillier, representing the Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans,

LA 70130, (504) 589-0470; and Mr. Lorenz J. Walker, representing the city of Bossier City, (318) 741-2501.

Supporting the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment A.

Providing information were Dr. Dan Reneau, president, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA 71272, (318) 257-3785; Dr. William L. Jenkins, president, the LSU System, 3810 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 578-2111; Chancellor Vincent Marsala, LSU at Shreveport, One University Place, Shreveport, LA, (318) 797-5234 (who presented a resolution and asked that it be made a part of the meeting record; Attachment B); Dr. Jim Purcell, commissioner of higher education, representing the Board of Regents, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253; and Dr. Bob Levy, chairman, Board of Regents, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253.

Also providing information and answering questions from committee members was Mr. Charlie Rome, representing the Legislative Fiscal Office, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA.

Also available to provide information were Mr. D. Wayne Parker, representing Louisiana Tech University, 120 Hopewell Hill Dr., Choudrant, LA 71227, (318) 768-7862; Mr. Dave Guerin, representing Louisiana Tech University, 304 Northwood Place, Ruston, LA 71270, (318) 255-5719; and Mr. Les Guice, representing Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA, (318) 257-3056.

Opposing the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment C.

Representative Fannin closed on the legislation. He was accompanied by Representative Carmody.

Representative Carmody moved that House Bill No. 964 be reported with amendments. Representative Edwards objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion to report House Bill No. 964 with amendments passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Schroder, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Carter, Edwards, and Patricia Smith voted nay.

**House Bill No. 192 by Representative Richard**

House Bill No. 192 provides relative to extended sick leave for teachers, school bus operators, and other school employees.

Representative Richard presented the bill to the committee. He was accompanied by Mr. Louis Voiron, personnel supervisor, Lafourche Parish School Board, 805 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 446-5631, and Ms. Jennifer Ansardi, representing the Jefferson Parish School Board, P O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700. They presented information on the bill and answered questions from committee members.

Supporting the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment D.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 192 were Mr. Steve Monaghan and Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037, and Mr. Shane Riddle, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243.

Opposing the bill but not wishing to speak was Ms. Ina LaBorde, representing AFSCME, P. O. Box 457, Libuse, LA 71348, (318) 623-2639.

Representative Richard closed on the legislation.

Representative Richard moved that House Bill No. 192 be reported favorably. Representative Edwards objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion to report House Bill No. 192 favorably failed by a vote of 4 yeas and 12 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Carmody, Henry, and Richard voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Patricia Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

Representative Price offered a motion to involuntarily defer House Bill No. 192 to which there were no objections. The motion to involuntarily defer House Bill No. 192 passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 1122 by Representative James**

House Bill No. 1122 provides relative to salary supplements for public school educational diagnosticians.

Representative James presented the bill to the committee. He was accompanied by Ms. Brenda Noland, representing the Louisiana School Psychologists-Louisiana Educational Diagnosticians, 9310 Kimberly Way, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 767-2083.

Also speaking in support of the legislation was Ms. Sarah Tregre, representing the

Louisiana Diagnosticians Association, 1828 Lafitte Dr., LaPlace, LA 70068, (985) 652-4217.

Also supporting the bill but not wishing to speak was Mr. Steve Monaghan and Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 1122 were Mr. Russell Armstrong, education policy advisor to Governor Bobby Jindal, P. O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004, (225) 342-6160; Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA; and Ms. Beth Scioneaux, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3617.

Representative James closed on the legislation.

Representative Nancy Landry moved that action on House Bill No. 1122 be involuntarily deferred. Representative Alfred Williams objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion that action on House Bill No. 1122 be involuntarily deferred passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Patricia Smith, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Edwards, Richard, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

**House Bill No. 1127 by Representative Barrow**

House Bill No. 1127 provides relative to salary supplements for school psychologists.

Representative Barrow presented the bill to the committee. She was accompanied by Ms. Brenda Noland, representing the Louisiana School Psychologists-Louisiana Educational Diagnosticians, 9310 Kimberly Way, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 767-2083.

Supporting the bill but not wishing to speak was Mr. Steve Monaghan and Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 1127 were Mr. Russell Armstrong, education policy advisor to Governor Bobby Jindal, P. O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004, (225) 342-6160, and Ms. Beth Scioneaux, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3617.

Representative Barrow closed on the legislation.

Representative Champagne moved that action on House Bill No. 1127 be involuntarily deferred. Representative Edwards objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion that action on House Bill No. 1122 be involuntarily deferred passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Schroder, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Edwards, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

### **House Bill No. 820 by Representative Patricia Smith**

House Bill No. 820 requires rather than authorizes sex education instruction in public schools.

Representative Smith presented the bill to the committee.

Speaking in support of the bill were Ms. Ashley Politz, representing Louisiana AAP, P. O. Box 65629, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 379-7923; Dr. Markalain Dery, infectious diseases/HIV physician, Tulane University, 478 Tulia St., #209, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 343-4914; Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037; and Ms. Lisanne Brown, representing LPM, 1515 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 301-9813.

Supporting the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment E.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 820 were Mr. Russell Armstrong, education policy advisor to Governor Bobby Jindal, P. O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004, (225) 342-6160; Mr. Gary Reed, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191; Mr. Rob Tasmin, representing the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2431 South Acadian Thruway, Ste., 250, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 344-7120; Ms. Dorothy Wallis, 3813 North Flannery Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 215-0004; and Ms. Lennie Ditoro, 121 Fox Run Dr., Mandeville, LA 70471, (504) 339-2911.

Opposing the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment F.

Representative Patricia Smith closed on the legislation.

Representative Smith moved that House Bill No. 820 be reported favorably. Representative Champagne objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion to report House Bill No. 820 favorably failed by a vote of 9 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea, and Representatives

Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Richard, Schroder, Shadoin, and Thompson voted nay.

Representative Champagne moved that action on House Bill No. 820 be voluntarily deferred. Representative Price objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion that action on House Bill No. 820 be voluntarily deferred failed by a vote of 7 yeas and 11 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Richard, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Schroder, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
House Committee on Education