

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting
Regular Session, 2012
May 9, 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, Mattie Franklin, and Danny Leming, Sergeants at Arms

IV. DISCUSSION

Representative Carter recognized Representative Edwards who moved that the three-minute rule for debate be adopted for the duration of the meeting. There was no objection, and the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Schroder, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 1133 by Representative Carmody

House Bill No. 1133 provides with respect to assets of any foundation, alumni association, or nonprofit organization affiliated with a state institution of higher education.

Representative Carmody presented amendments in the form of a substitute bill to the committee.

Representative Carmody offered for adoption an amendment to the substitute bill that would delete in their entirety lines 15 through 20 on page one. He explained that the paragraph dealt with meeting notices. Representative Carmody moved that the amendment be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Schroder, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 1133 was Mr. Michael Woods, representing himself, 1046 Winterberry Lane, Shreveport, LA, 71156, (318) 798-2500.

Presenting information to the committee were Mr. Jim Marchand, representing the Louisiana State University (LSU) System, 3810 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 578-0337; Mr. Lee Griffin, representing the LSU Foundation, 3811 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 578-3811; and Mr. David Hardy, representing the Tiger Athletic Foundation and the LSU Foundation, (no address provided), (225) 929-7033.

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

Opposing House Bill No. 1133 but not wishing to speak was Mr. Josh Borill, representing the Ragin Cajun Athletic Foundation of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1200 Camellia Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503.

Representative Thompson moved that House Bill No. 1133 be reported by substitute.

There was no objection, and the motion to report House Bill No. 1133 by substitute passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 806 by Representative Patricia Smith

House Bill No. 806 authorizes a Department of Education survey of students regarding risk behaviors.

Representative Smith presented the bill to the committee.

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

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 806 was Mr. Russell Armstrong, education policy advisor to Governor Bobby Jindal, P. O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004, (225) 342-6160.

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

Representative Patricia Smith moved that House Bill No. 806 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and House Bill No. 806 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 407 by Representative Patricia Smith

House Bill No. 407 provides relative to harassment, intimidation, and bullying in public schools.

Representative Patricia Smith presented amendments in the form of a substitute bill to the committee.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered an amendment to the substitute bill to provide that "principal" be changed to "principal or his designee" throughout the legislation. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Patricia Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Thompson proposed amendments to the substitute bill to clarify language relative to parent notification. Representative Thompson offered the amendments and moved that they be adopted. Representative Broadwater objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion to adopt the amendments failed by a vote of 3 yeas and 12 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

Speaking in support of the legislation was Ms. Katherine Clarke, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243.

Available to provide information was Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA.

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

Representative Bishop moved that House Bill No. 407 be reported by substitute. There was no objection, and House Bill No. 407 was reported by substitute by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 740 by Representative LeBas

House Bill No. 740 provides for participation in a dual enrollment program at postsecondary education institutions by certain high school students enrolled in BESE-approved programs.

Representative LeBas presented the bill to the committee. He was accompanied by Dr. James A. Caillier, representing the Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 589-0470, who presented information and answered questions from committee members.

Also supporting the bill and available to provide information but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment E.

Representative Thompson moved that House Bill No. 740 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and House Bill No. 740 was reported favorably by a vote of

15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Schroder, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 86 by Representative Thompson

House Concurrent Resolution No. 86 requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the advantages and disadvantages of enacting a law limiting the salary amounts for certain public school administrators to that paid to teachers.

Representative Thompson presented the bill to the committee.

Representative Broadwater moved that House Concurrent Resolution be reported favorably. There was no objection, and House Concurrent Resolution was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Schroder, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

House Bill No. 879 by Representative Sam Jones

House Bill No. 879 provides relative to the removal of a teacher having "regular and permanent" status (tenure).

Representative Jones presented amendments in the form of a substitute bill to the committee.

Speaking in support of the legislation was Ms. Mary-Patricia Wray, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Also supporting the bill but not wishing to speak was Mr. Gary Reed, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 879 was Mr. Russell Armstrong, education policy advisor to Governor Bobby Jindal, P. O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004, (225) 342-6160.

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

Representative Edwards moved that House Bill No. 879 be reported by substitute. Representative Thompson objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion to report House Bill No. 879 by substitute failed by a vote of 8 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea, and Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Hollis, Nancy Landry, and Thompson voted nay.

Representative Nancy Landry moved that action on House Bill No. 879 be involuntarily deferred. Representative Edwards objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion that action on House Bill No. 879 be involuntarily deferred passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Hollis, Nancy Landry, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

Senate Bill No. 563 by Senator White

House Bill No. 563 creates and provides for the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School Board and school system in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Senator White presented the bill to the committee.

Senator White proposed an amendment for adoption to change the date for the vote on the constitutional amendment from "December 1, 2012" to "November 6, 2012". Representative Carmody offered the amendment and moved that it be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Patricia Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

Presenting information and answering questions from committee members was Ms. Sheri Morris, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 8440 Jefferson Hwy., #301, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033.

Speaking in support of the legislation was Mr. Norman Browning, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 15955 Confederate Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 268-6930.

Also speaking in support of the bill were Ms. Frances P. Billeaud, representing herself, 4721 Fleet Dr., (225) 928-9070; Mr. Chas Roemer, BESE member, District 6, 1201 Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Carolyn R. Pittman, 13835 Tiger Bend Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 752-0230; Ms. Lori Fry, 5344 Point Clear, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 751-2426; Mr. Michael White, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 5802 Manasses Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 537-6746; Mr.

Warren Chapman, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 13631 Kenner Ave., Apt. C, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 485-6292; Mr. Warren Chapman, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 13631 Kenner Ave., Apt. C, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 485-5292; Ms. Sheila D. Lewis, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 14652 Cottingham Ct., Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 751-5369; and Mr. Jones, 431 West Place, (225) 205-3521.

Presenting information was Mr. Roy Heidelberg, 4166 North Maiden Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, (985) 705-9902.

Available to present information, if requested, were Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA; and Ms. Joan E. Hunt, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3572.

Also supporting the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment G.

Speaking in opposition to Senate Bill No. 563 were Ms. Christina Dorsa, 8250 Denbo Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 802-5944; Mr. Tarvald A. Smith, representing the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, 1050 South Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 922-5400; Mr. David Tatman, representing the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and himself, 16710 Gingerwood Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 767-6640; Ms. Laura Fernandez, mother of three East Baton Rouge Parish students, 12435 Parkrange Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 278-5454; Mr. Carlos Sam, interim superintendent, East Baton Rouge Parish Schools, 1050 South Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 922-5613; Mr. Gary Reed, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809; Mr. Carnell Washington, representing the East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers, 11823 Market Place Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 292-2680; Mr. Domoine D. Rutledge, 2544 Twelve Oaks Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 757-7085; Ms. Belinda Davis, parent, representing One Community, One School District, 9566 Donna Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70815, (225) 201-9307; Ms. Barbara Freiberg, president, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, (225) 936-1635; Ms. Evelyn Ware Jackson, East Baton Rouge Parish Task Force, 5441 Asphodel Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 927-9064; Mr. Adam Knapp, representing the Baton Area Chamber, 564 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 339-1168; Ms. Tania Nyman, a concerned parent, 1278 Aberdeen Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 383-1943; Ms. Connie Bernard, representing the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, District 8, 930 High Lake Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 763-9739; Ms. Cheryl Lott, 9372 Gail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 603-4076; Ms. Avni Rambhia, a parent, 910 High Lake Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 763-2496; and Representative Ted James, representing District 101, 3552 Monterrey

Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70814.

Also opposing the bill but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment H.

Senator White closed on the bill.

Representative Thompson moved that Senate Bill No. 563 be reported with amendments. Representative Patricia Smith objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion that Senate Bill No. 563 be reported with amendments passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Nancy Landry, Richard, Schroder, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Patricia Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

Senate Bill No. 299 by Senator White

Senate Bill No. 299 is a constitutional amendment to grant the Southeast Baton Rouge community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted parishes relative to minimum foundation program (MFP) funding and raising revenue for schools.

Senator White presented the bill to the committee.

He was accompanied by Ms. Sheri Morris, representing Local Schools for Local Children, 8440 Jefferson Hwy., #301, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033.

Supporters who indicated that they wanted to speak waived because committee members had to adjourn the meeting to gather on the House Floor for that afternoon's session of the House. The names of these persons, along with the names of others supporting the bill but not wishing to speak, are included in Attachment I.

Persons opposed who indicated that they wanted to speak waived because committee members had to adjourn the meeting to gather on the House Floor for that afternoon's session of the House. The names of these persons, along with the names of others opposing the bill but not wishing to speak, are included in Attachment J.

Senator White closed on the bill.

Representative Carmody moved that Senate Bill No. 299 be reported favorably. Representative Patricia Smith objected, and the secretary called the roll. The motion to report Senate Bill No. 299 favorably passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Henry,

Hollis, Nancy Landry, Richard, Schroder, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea, and Representatives Wesley Bishop, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, 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 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
House Committee on Education