

# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting  
2012 Regular Session  
May 15, 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 Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative John M. Schroder  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Alfred Williams

## III. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

#### IV. DISCUSSION

##### **Senate Bill No. 412 by Senator Claitor**

Senate Bill No. 412 authorizes colleges and universities to enter into property leases with businesses to be located in areas designated as a business incubator or research park.

Senator Claitor presented the bill to the committee.

Supporting Senate Bill No. 412 but not wishing to speak was Mr. Lee Faucette, representing the Louisiana Association of School Executives, 12615 Stoneway Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70818, (225) 261-5560.

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

Representative Broadwater moved that Senate Bill No. 412 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and Senate Bill No. 412 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Patricia Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

##### **Senate Bill No. 62 by Senator Appel**

Senate Bill No. 62 re-creates the Department of Education.

Senator Appel presented the bill to the committee.

Supporting the bill and indicating he wanted to speak was Mr. Joe R. Salter, 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. Mr. Salter declined the opportunity to speak.

Representative Broadwater moved that Senate Bill No. 62 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and Senate Bill No. 62 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 526 by Senator Erdey**

Senate Bill No. 526 provides relative to scholarships for children of state investigators killed in the performance of duty.

Senator Erdey presented the bill to the committee.

Supporting the legislation was Mr. Kevin Hayes, representing the Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association, Adams and Reese LLP, 450 Laurel St., Ste. 1900, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 336-5200.

Representative Henry Burns moved that Senate Bill No. 526 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and Senate Bill No. 526 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 645 by Senator Thompson**

Senate Bill No. 645 merges certain Louisiana Technical College campuses with Louisiana Delta Community College.

Representative Hoffmann presented the bill on behalf of Senator Thompson who was presenting a bill in another committee. Representative Hoffmann was accompanied by Dr. Joe May, president, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 922-1643.

Representative Hoffmann announced that he wanted to propose an amendment to provide that the merger of certain campuses with Louisiana Delta Community College would become effective at a time deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Representative Jefferson offered the amendment and moved that it be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Landry, Price, Richard, Patricia Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

Senator Thompson arrived and made remarks and presented information to the committee.

Also providing information was Dr. Luke Robins, chancellor, representing Delta Community College, 7500 Millhaven Rd., Monroe, LA, (913) 345-9000.

Also available to provide information if requested were persons whose names are included in Attachment B.

Representative Jefferson moved that Senate Bill No. 645 be reported with amendments. There was no objection, and Senate Bill No. 645 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 106 by Representative Hoffmann**

House Concurrent Resolution No. 106 requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for the inclusion of "read alouds" in early childhood education programs.

Representative Hoffmann presented the resolution to the committee.

Available to present information, if requested, was Dr. Mary Louise Jones, representing the state Department of Education, Claiborne Building, P. O. Box 94064, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-0576.

Representative Price moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 106 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 106 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 119 by Senator Morrell**

Senate Bill No. 119 provides for administration of auto-injectable epinephrine by a school nurse.

Senator Morrell presented the bill to the committee.

Senator Morrell asked that his amendment be considered for adoption. Representative Broadwater offered the amendment that deletes a proposed law provision relative to a limitation of liability.

Representative Broadwater moved that the amendment be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

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

Speaking in opposition to Senate Bill No. 119 was Ms. Alida Wyler, director of Health Services, representing Jefferson Parish Public Schools, 4900 River Rd., Marrero, LA 70072, (504) 349-7770.

Senator Morrell closed on the bill.

Representative Bishop moved that Senate Bill No. 119 be reported with amendments. There was no objection, and Senate Bill No. 119 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 by Representative Champagne**

House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 requests the Board of Regents to study executive compensation at the university system offices and boards.

Representative Champagne presented the resolution to the committee.

Representative Champagne moved that House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 be reported favorably. There was no objection, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 92 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 290 by Senator Murray**

Senate Bill No. 290 provides relative to the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium.

Representative Wesley Bishop presented the bill to the committee on behalf of Senator Murray.

Representative Carter announced that an amendment was pending on the bill. Representative Bishop offered the amendment that adds a voting member and a nonvoting member from the University of Louisiana at Monroe to the executive board.

Representative Bishop moved that the amendment be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry,

Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

Dr. Jim Purcell, commissioner of higher education, representing the state Board of Regents, presented information and answered questions from committee members.

Also supporting the bill but not wishing to speak was Mr. Josh Barill, representing the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1200 Camellia Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 581-1326.

Representative Richard moved that Senate Bill No. 290 be reported with amendments. There was no objection, and Senate Bill No. 290 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 1078 by Representative Broadwater**

House Bill No. 1078 provides relative to the authority of public postsecondary education management boards to increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts.

Representative Broadwater presented the bill to the committee.

Representative Broadwater announced that he wanted to propose an amendment for adoption. Representative Broadwater explained that the amendment would change the method of generating additional funding from a tuition-based method to a fee-based method by allowing for a per-credit-hour fee of up to \$25 that would be levied at the discretion of the school based on need and what their particular market will bear. He explained that a sunset of four years would be placed on implementation. Representative Broadwater offered the amendment and moved that the amendment be adopted. There was no objection, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

Also presenting information to the committee and answering questions was Mr. Todd Barre', deputy commissioner for finance.

Supporting the legislation and available to present information but not wishing to speak were persons whose names are included in Attachment D.

Representative Broadwater moved that action on House Bill No. 1078 be voluntarily deferred given concerns voiced by committee members. There was no objection, and the motion that action on House Bill No. 1078 be voluntarily deferred passed by a vote

of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Landry, Price, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
House Committee on Education