

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2015 Regular Session  
May 18, 2015

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Stephen F. Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m. in 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 Chris Broadwater  
Representative Henry L. Burns  
Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
Representative John Bel Edwards  
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall  
Representative Cameron Henry  
Representative Barry Ivey  
Representative Nancy Landry  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Jerome Richard

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth L. Borné, Committee Legislative Analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, Committee Legislative Analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, Committee Secretary  
Karli Roussel, Clerk

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 542 by Representative Schroder**

Representative Schroder presented House Bill No. 542, which provides relative to required state assessments including prohibiting implementation of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and similar assessments.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 542 that would provide as follows:

1. Prohibit the state Department of Education from contracting with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) consortium for assessments for the 2015-2016 school year and require the department to contract with another vendor, in accordance with the Louisiana Procurement Code, for assessments for grades three through 10 in English language arts and math for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Limit the number of assessment questions that can be based on the blueprint developed through the PARCC process or processes conducted by a federally funded consortium of states.
3. Delete proposed law prohibition on implementation of PARCC and Smarter Balanced and other similar assessments. Retain present law requiring that assessments be based on nationally recognized content standards and requiring that student achievement standards be based on national test scores.
4. Delete proposed law requirement for a parent's or guardian's approval of administration of an alternate assessment to a student with disabilities.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Carter offered amendments to make proposed law effective if and when House Bill No. 373 and Senate Bill No. 43 of the 2015 Regular Session become effective. Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments

were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 542 were:

Mr. Brian M. LeJeune, superintendent, Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, P. O. Box 640, Jennings, LA 70546, (337) 824-1834.

Mr. Steve Monaghan, president, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: nine in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 542 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 542 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, chairman  
House Committee on Education