

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
April 6, 2016

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

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

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Representative Chris Broadwater  
Representative Stephen F. Carter  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative Reid Falconer  
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Edward J. Price, vice chairman  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 279 by Representative Broadwater**

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 279, which provides for differential Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award amounts for certain students based on their classification level.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to House Bill No. 279 that would make the provisions effective with the 2020-2021 fiscal year instead of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Dr. James A. Caillier, Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (337) 288-4441, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 279.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 279 with amendments, to which Representative Steve Carter objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed by a vote of 4 yeas and 9 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Broadwater, Falconer, and Price voted yea. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hall, Hilferty, Reynolds, and Simon voted nay.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 279. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 279 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 581 by Representative Stokes**

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 581, which provides, under specified circumstances, for repayment of a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award.

Representative Price offered amendments to House Bill No. 581 that would authorize the administering agency to provide by rule for the definition of certain terms pertaining to debt and would require reporting relative to graduation or the completion of training. Representative Price offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Edmonds, Emerson, Hall, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Kristie Cross, Louisiana Family Forum's Education Resource Council, no address given, spoke in support of House Bill No. 581.

Dr. James A. Caillier, Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (337) 288-4441 spoke for information only on House Bill No. 581..

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt five minute rule House Bill No. 581. Without objection, House Bill No. 581 adopt five minute rule by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 437 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 437, which adjusts certain academic requirements for maintaining eligibility for certain Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards.

Dr. James A. Caillier, Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (337) 288-4441 spoke for information only on House Bill No. 437.

Representative Price offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 437, to which Representative Broadwater objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed by a vote of 6 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Bouie, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Amedee, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, and Hilferty voted nay.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 437 favorably, to which Representative Price objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed by a vote of 6 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Amedee, Broadwater, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, and Hilferty voted yea. Representatives Bouie, Steve Carter, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted nay.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 437. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 437 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 438 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 438, which creates a new Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award, the TOPS-Tech Transfer Award.

Dr. James A. Caillier, Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (337) 288-4441, spoke for information.

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, executive director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7294, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 438.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 438 favorably, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 438 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Broadwater, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, and Hilferty voted yea. Representatives Bouie, Steve Carter, Hall, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 4 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 104 by Representative Mack**

House Bill No. 104, which provides, under specified circumstances, for repayment of a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students scholarship award, was voluntarily deferred.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 390 by Representative Nancy Landry**

House Bill No. 390, which provides relative to Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award amounts, was voluntarily deferred.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 848 by Representative Hilferty**

House Bill No. 848, which provides relative to institutions at which students may use a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award, was voluntarily deferred.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: