

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
May 17, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Edward J. Price, vice chairman
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Stephanie Hilferty

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Karli Roussel, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 275 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 275, which requires cursive writing be taught in public schools.

Representative Smith offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 275 that would apply proposed law to charter schools. Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Simon offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 275 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 275 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 260 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 260, which provides relative to local charter authorizers and Type 1B charter schools.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a two-minute rule for discussion. Without objection, the two-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Warren Drake, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, 1050 South Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 922-5619, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 260.

Donald Songy, associate executive director, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 37617 Seven Oaks Ave., Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 323-3921, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 260.

Tania Nyman, One Community One School District, 4669 Bennett Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 907-3527, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 260.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 260.

Belinda Davis, One Community One School District, 101 LSU Student Union, LSU #17370, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 202-2698, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 260.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, New Orleans, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 260.

Kenneth Campbell, 12263 Canterbury Park Dr., Geismar, LA 70734, (225) 892-2125, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 260.

Adam Knapp, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, 2030 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 278-3708, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 260.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 260 favorably, to which Representative Amedee objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 260 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Bouie, Broadwater, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Emerson, and Simon voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 32 in support and 8 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 420 by Senator Thompson

Senator Thompson presented Senate Bill No. 420, which requires BESE and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to develop and implement a Farm to School Program.

Katie Mularz, Louisiana Farm to School Alliance, 3436 Magazine St., #517, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 452-6975, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 420.

Debbie Meaux, president, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 420.

Mike Strain, Louisiana commissioner of agriculture, (225) 342-7270, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 420.

Representative Simon offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 420 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 420 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 262 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 262, which provides relative to state content standards and related tests and assessments.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 262 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 262 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 26 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 477 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 477, which provides relative to the use of student growth data in teacher evaluations.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 477.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 477 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 477 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 28 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 270 by Senator Boudreaux

Senator Boudreaux presented Senate Bill No. 270, which provides relative to student data privacy.

Representative Steve Carter offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 270 that would remove the provision limiting the student information shared to the student's name and address and school in which he is enrolled. Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 270.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, New Orleans, LA, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 270..

Representative Amedee offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 270 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 270 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 109 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Representative Price presented Senate Bill No. 109, which provides for confidentiality of applications and client case records for child care assistance clients.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 109.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 109 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 109 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 372 by Representative Bouie

House Bill No. 372, which provides relative to student discipline, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 1035 by Representative Hodges

House Bill No. 1035, which requires local school boards to require students in grades four through six to recite a specified passage from the Declaration of Independence, was on the agenda but was rescheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

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

Senate Bill No. 353 by Senator Wesley Bishop

Senate Bill No. 353, which provides for the Louisiana Expectant and Parenting Students Act, was on the agenda but was rescheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(g) of the state constitution and R.S. 17:3805, consider for legislative approval the plan submitted by Northlake Christian High School in St. Tammany Parish for the expenditure of Education Excellence Fund (EEF) monies.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, spoke for information only.

Representative Smith offered a motion to approve the request for EEF funds. Without objection, the motion to approve the request for EEF funds passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Price, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: