

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 18, 2017

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

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **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 Edward J. "Ed" Price, vice chairman  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Polly Thomas

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Walt Leger, III

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

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms  
Carter Stone, clerk  
Ken'Travious Coleman, page

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 616 by Representative Thomas**

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 616, which provides relative to time requirements and responsibilities of public school governing authorities with regard to student assessments.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the two-minute rule for discussion of bills on the agenda. Without objection, the two-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Smith offered an amendment to House Bill No. 616 to add a provision regarding applicability of proposed law to time provided to students requiring accommodations. Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Erin Bendily, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Bldg., 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 616.

Michael W. Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 10510 Joor Rd., Ste. 300, Central, LA 70818, (225) 650-2908, spoke in support of House Bill No. 616.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa, Baton Rouge, LA, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of House Bill No. 616.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 616 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 616 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 15 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 536 by Representative Pierre**

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 536, which provides relative to assessments administered to public school students including penalties for nonparticipation and reporting participation rates.

Representative Smith offered amendments to House Bill No. 536 to provide that a student who opts out of testing not be punished, and be accommodated in a separate testing area. 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, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Ganey Arsement, 799 Bienville St., Lake Charles, LA 70607, (337) 263-6027, spoke in support of House Bill No. 536.

Lee P. Barrios, 178 Abita Oaks Loop, Abita Springs, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 536.

Elizabeth Long, 1534 Sawnee Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70611, (337) 794-0823, spoke in support of House Bill No. 536.

Conner Long, 1534 Sawnee Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70611, (337) 794-0823, spoke in support of House Bill No. 536.

Zane Long, 1534 Sawnee Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70611, (337) 794-0823, spoke in support of House Bill No. 536.

Michael W. Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 10510 Joor Rd., Ste. 300, Central, LA 70818, (225) 650-2908, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 536.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa, Baton Rouge, LA, (337) 278-5398, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 536.

Stephanie Desselle, Council for a Better Louisiana, P. O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 344-2225, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 536.

Dr. Keith Leger, Stand for Children - Louisiana, 2408 Brent Keith Dr., Lafayette, LA 70605, (337) 540-9991, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 536.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 536. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 536 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and

0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Price, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 7 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 546 by Representative Havard**

Representative Havard presented House Bill No. 572, which provides relative to exemption from laws, rules, and regulations applicable to public school boards and the schools and employees under the jurisdiction of each with certain exceptions.

Representative Havard announced that he would ask that a study request be drafted and voluntarily defer House Bill No. 546.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 9 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 572 by Representative LeBas**

Representative LeBas presented House Bill No. 572, which provides requirements for administering standards-based assessments to public school students.

Shane Riddle, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 588-6160, spoke in support of House Bill No. 572.

Gretchen Lampe, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 636-0868, spoke in support of House Bill No. 572.

Yvonne Johnson, Louisiana Association of Educators, P. O. Box 814, Pine Prairie, LA 70576, (919) 601-7995, spoke in support of House Bill No. 572.

Walter Brown, Louisiana Association of Educators, 2665 Crosswood Lane, Shreveport, LA 71118, (318) 626-5607.

Kristin Lampe, Louisiana Association of Educators, 134 Waterstone Park Circle, Hillsborough, NC 27278, (828) 308-0656, spoke in support of House Bill No. 572.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 572. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 572 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and

0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hall, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support and 20 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 610 by Representative Glover**

Representative Glover presented House Bill No. 610, which provides relative to the licensing of the use of the name or symbol of a public postsecondary education institution in association with alcoholic beverages.

Lee Barrios, no address given, spoke in support of House Bill No. 610.

John Williams, Beer League, 575 North 8<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 235-7710, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 610.

Cary Koch, Louisiana Craft Brewers Guild, 8440 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 929-7033, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 610.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 610. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 610 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in opposition and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 543 by Representative Amedee**

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 543, which limits authorized payroll withholdings for teachers and other school employees to nonunion dues only and eliminates required request for deduction.

Representative Amedee offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 543. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 543 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, 3 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 575 by Representative Nancy Landry**

Representative Nancy Landry presented House Bill No. 575, which provides with respect to the hiring of special counsel by school boards.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 575. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 575 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 11 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **House Bill No. 567 by Representative Nancy Landry**

Chairman Landry announced that House Bill No. 567, which provides relative to school choice, had been voluntarily deferred.

##### **House Bill No. 203 by Representative Bagley**

Chairman Landry announced that House Bill No. 203, which requires the state Department of Education to provide student assessment results for certain assessments for dispersal to teachers, had been voluntarily deferred.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: