

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2017 Regular Session  
May 23, 2017

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

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 Walt Leger, III  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Polly Thomas

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Edward J. "Ed" Price, vice chairman

#### **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

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 164 by Senator Peacock**

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 164, which provides the procedures for the sale of certain school lands by a school board.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 164.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 164 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 164 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

**Senate Bill No. 190 by Senator Thompson**

Senator Thompson presented Senate Bill No. 190, which provides relative to the provision of transition courses to high school seniors who are not college ready.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 190.

Donald Songy, office of the governor, no address given, (225) 342-2107, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 190.

Representative Nancy Landry offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 190. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the technical amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

*Representative Broadwater in the chair.*

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 190 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 190 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 90 by Senator Erdey**

Senator Erdey presented Senate Bill No. 90, which provides relative to scholarships for children of certain law enforcement officers and other investigative employees killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 90 to provide that only full-time students granted a scholarship pursuant to present law shall be exempt from payment of room and board charges. Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Joseph Rallo, state commissioner of higher education, Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 90.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 90 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 90 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

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

*Chairman Nancy Landry in the chair.*

### **Senate Bill No. 225 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 225, which creates the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council (LaSTEM).

Joseph Rallo, state commissioner of higher education, Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 225.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 225 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 225 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 27 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **Senate Bill No. 215 by Senator Tarver**

On behalf of Senator Tarver, Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 215, which provides relative to the enrollment procedures of certain charter schools.

Representative Leger offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 215 which would:

1. Delete proposed law that would have required a charter school to modify its application and enrollment procedures to implement proposed law.
2. Provide that proposed law be administered in accordance with procedures developed by a charter school's authorizer.

Representative Leger offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. 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, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 215. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the technical amendments. 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, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 215 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 215 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, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 145 by Senator Claitor**

Senator Claitor presented Senate Bill No. 145, which provides relative to Tulane Legislative Scholarships.

Sujuan W. Boutte, Ed.D., executive director, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), State Board of Regents, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7294, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 145.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 145 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 145 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 255 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 255, which provides relative to health-related policies established by certain early learning centers.

Ashley Houston, Louisiana Parents for Vaccine Rights, 17949 General Forrest Ave., no city given, (225) 324-4428, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255.

Fiorella Tripani, 4412 LeFlece St., Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 957-7523, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255.

Carol Friedland, 10635 N. Stanwick Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 773-5701, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 255.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 255 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 255 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Nancy Landry announced that House Bill No. 203 by Representative Bagley, 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 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: