

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall, vice chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Ken Brass
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Camille Arceneaux, clerk
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 651 by Representative Hoffmann**

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 651, which reduces the percentage of a teacher's evaluation that is based on growth in student achievement.

Donald Songy, education policy advisor, office of the governor, 5th Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 588-8164, spoke in support of House Bill No. 651.

Wade Smith, 14255 Harwood Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (225) 753-3066, spoke in support of House Bill No. 651.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a two-minute rule for testimony on House Bill No. 651. Without objection, a two-minute rule for testimony on House Bill No. 651 was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Debbie Meaux, president, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243, spoke in support of House Bill No. 651.

Larry J. Carter, Jr., Louisiana Federation of Teachers (LFT), 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037, spoke in support of House Bill No. 651.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 651.

Dr. Keith Leger, Council for a Better Louisiana, 251 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (337) 540-9441, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 651.

Brigitte Nieland, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 451 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 928-5388, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 651.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule for the question/answer period on House Bill No. 651. Without objection, a three-minute rule for the question/answer period

on House Bill No. 651 was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 651. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 651 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 587 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 587, which provides relative to teacher tenure.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 587. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 587 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 707 by Representative Jenkins

Representative Jenkins presented House Bill No. 707, which revises processes for disciplinary action against nontenured and tenured teachers.

Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 603-1969, spoke in support of House Bill No. 707.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 707.

Brigitte Nieland, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 451 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 928-5388, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 707.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report House Bill No. 707 favorably, to which Representative Simon objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote

of 4 yeas and 10 nays. Representatives Bouie, Brass, Hall, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted nay.

Representative Simon offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 707, to which Representative Brass objected. The secretary called the roll, and action on House Bill No. 707 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Bouie, Brass, and Hall voted nay.

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

House Bill No. 616 by Representative Hilferty

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 616, which provides relative to foods and beverages, other than school breakfast or lunch, offered in public schools.

Teresa Brown, child nutrition director, St. Charles Parish Schools and president, School Nutrition Association of Louisiana, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070, (985) 785-3179, spoke in support of House Bill No. 616.

Representative Steve Carter offered amendments to reinstate present law authorization for the Pennington Biomedical Center to create and distribute information on the nutritional value of foods sold at schools. Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 616. Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered amendments to House Bill No. 616 specifying the time period during which federal guidelines were applicable. Representative Hilferty offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 616.

Ashley Hebert, American Heart Association, 2644 S. Sherwood Forest, Suite 108, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, (337) 298-1778, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 616.

Representative Hilferty 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 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 755 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 755, which authorizes each public and nonpublic school governing authority to adopt a policy relative to the supply and administration of naloxone and other opioid antagonists.

Representative Simon offered a motion to report House Bill No. 755 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 755 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 575 by Representative Norton

Representative Norton presented House Bill No. 575, which, relative to safety, provides for instruction in public schools and public postsecondary education institutions, provides for reporting online content to school and campus security officers and local law enforcement agencies.

Representative Nancy Landry moved to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the substitute bill was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Amedee offered a motion to report House Bill No. 575 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 575 was reported by substitute by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Wright 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 by Representative Norton

Representative Norton presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, which requests that the state Department of Education include school-level and system-level data in the annual report of status of health and physical education in public schools and that schools and school governing authorities respond to the department's survey relative to such report.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Falconer, Hall, Simon, Smith, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 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

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: