

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2018 Regular Session  
April 12, 2018

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

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:39 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, senior legislative analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Bryan Vincent, director  
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst  
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 105 by Representative Stokes**

Representative Stokes presented House Bill No. 105, which allows certain Type 1 charter schools to act as their own local education agencies.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a two-minute rule for testimony on House Bill No. 105. Without objection, the two-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, and Wright voted yea.

Dr. Patty Glaser, Discovery Health Services Foundation, 2504 Maine Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003, (504) 229-2133, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Lee Reid, Discovery Health Services Foundation, 4500 One Shell Square, New Orleans, LA 70139, (504) 581-3234, spoke in support of House Bill No. 105.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, no address given, New Orleans, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Shawn M. Hayes, representing Dr. Cade Brumley, Jefferson Parish Public School System, 501 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey, LA 70058, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Sarah Caruso, Jefferson Parish Public School System, 501 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey, LA 70058, (504) 349-7625, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 105.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Jennifer Ansardi, Jefferson Parish Public School Board, P. O. Box 55815, Metairie, LA 70055, (504) 606-7700, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 105.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule for member questions on House Bill No. 105. Without objection, a three-minute rule for member questioning was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Simon offered a motion to report House Bill No. 105 favorably, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 105 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright voted yea. Representatives Hall, Bouie, Brass, and Smith voted nay.

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

### **House Bill No. 796 by Representative Lance Harris**

Representative Lance Harris presented House Bill No. 796, which provides relative to the certification and employment in schools of certain persons convicted of felony offenses and the withholding of minimum foundation program funds to public school boards who hire certain persons.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to House Bill No. 796 that would:

1. Authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to issue a teaching certificate or other teaching authorization to a person who has been found to have facilitated cheating on any state assessment if certain conditions are met and authorize employment of a teacher who has received a certificate or authorization under these conditions.
2. Limit to teachers the applicability of the proposed law penalty increases for failing to report a conviction.
3. Authorize the state Department of Education to assess a civil fine against a school board for employing a teacher in violation of present law and proposed law; remove provision requiring the department to withhold minimum foundation program funds from such a school board.

Representative Nancy Landry 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, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Gary L. Jones, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Building, North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (318) 308-2306, spoke in support of House Bill No. 796.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 796.

Representative Simon offered a motion to report House Bill No. 796 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 796 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

#### **House Bill No. 746 by Representative Gary Carter**

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 746, which repeals the requirement that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meet quarterly in New Orleans relative to the Recovery School District.

Erin Bendily, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 746.

Joshua Cox, Orleans Parish School Board, 3113 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, (352) 562-9645, spoke in support of House Bill No. 746.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report House Bill No. 746 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 746 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

#### **Senate Bill No. 315 by Senator Thompson**

Representative Reynolds, on behalf of Senator Thompson, presented Senate Bill No. 315, which requires instruction in personal financial management in public elementary and secondary schools.

Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4837, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 315.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 315

Representative Wright offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 315 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 315 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Thomas, and Wright 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.

### **House Bill No. 511 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 511, which requires a mental health evaluation of persons who threaten public safety or physical harm to other persons.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adopt a substitute to House Bill No. 511. Without objection, the substitute was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Leger offered an amendment to name the act "School Terrorism Prevention Act". Representative Leger offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 511.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 511 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 511 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Leger, Simon, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 1 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**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: