

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
April 17, 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 Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Mark Wright

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 267 by Senator Appel

On behalf of Senator Appel, Representative Thomas presented Senate Bill No. 267, which provides relative to the removal of school bus operators.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to the bill that made technical changes. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 267 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 267 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 378 by Senator Appel

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 378, which requires public school governing authorities to share certain student data with the Board of Regents.

Representative Steve Carter offered amendments to the bill that made technical changes. Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 378 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 378 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 199 by Senator Bishop

Senator Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 199, which creates the Advisory Council on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 199 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 199 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, 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.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 22 by Representative Leger

Representative Landry announced that House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, which creates the Children's Savings Accounts Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to establishing a children's savings account program in Louisiana, would be rescheduled to next week's meeting.

House Bill No. 399 by Representative Gary Carter

Representative Landry announced that House Bill No. 399, which, in the event of insufficient funding, provides for reducing or eliminating Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards based on certain academic and financial criteria and eliminating payment of certain stipends to students, was voluntarily deferred by the author.

Senate Bill No. 380 by Senator Bishop

Representative Landry announced that Senate Bill No. 380, which creates the TOPS Second Chance Award, would be rescheduled to next week's meeting.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: