

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
May 2, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Andrew Bougard, clerk
Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Bill No. 311 by Senator Perry**

Senator Perry presented Senate Bill No. 311, which requires that all softball and baseball dugouts used for high school interscholastic athletics be enclosed.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a two-minute rule on Senate Bill No. 311. Without objection, the motion to adopt a two-minute rule on Senate Bill No. 311 passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule on question and answer sessions on Senate Bill No. 311. Without objection, the motion to adopt a three-minute rule on question and answer sessions for Senate Bill No. 311 passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 311 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 311 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Thomas, 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.

Senate Bill No. 107 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 107, which requires the state Department of Education to provide student assessment results for certain assessments for dispersal to teachers.

Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals, 103 Crawford Street, Winnfield, LA 71483, (504) 909-4650, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 107.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 107 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 107 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy

Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 152 by Senator Morrish

Senator Morrish presented Senate Bill No. 152, which provides relative to information provided with the release of school performance scores and letter grades.

Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals, 103 Crawford Street, Winnfield, LA 71483, (504) 909-4650, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 107.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 152 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 152 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 380 by Senator Bishop

Senator Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 380, which creates the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Second Chance Award.

Representative Hall offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 380 that would raise the collegiate GPA required for initial qualification for TOPS Second Chance Award from 3.00 to 3.20. Representative Hall 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, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 380 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 380 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 89 by Senator Bishop

Senator Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 89, which provides relative to the composition of charter school boards in certain parishes.

Representative Thomas offered a technical amendment to Senate Bill No. 89. Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Falconer offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 89 to specify that the requirement that a charter school board be "representative" of its community pertains to being representative by race and gender in order to ensure diversity, applicable only in a parish that meets the proposed law population category. Representative Falconer 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, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Hall offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 89 that would add a provision allowing, notwithstanding the Ethics Code or any other present law, a charter school board member to serve as an officer, director, or employee of a bank, applicable statewide. Representative Hall 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, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 89 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 89 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 178 by Senator Walsworth

Senator Walsworth presented Senate Bill No. 178, which allows students to wear bulletproof backpacks.

Dr. Ken Ducote, Greater New Orleans Collaborative of Charter Schools, 3520 General deGaulle Drive, Suite 3040, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 650-2338, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 178.

Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals, 103 Crawford Street, Winnfield, LA 71483, (504) 909-4650, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 178.

Pearce Nelson, 1104 Webster Street, no city given, (504) 416-4444, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 178.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 178 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 178 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 364 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Bill No. 364, which provides relative to free speech on college campuses.

Tyson Langhofer, Alliance Defending Freedom, 15100 North 90th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85260, (488) 555-0020, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 364.

Jason Droddy, Louisiana State University, no address given, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 364.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 643 Magazine Street, Suite 402, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 331-0883, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 364.

Mr. Droddy explained amendments that would usurp policies in reference to certain words and phrases and their effect on university students' first amendment rights. Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Falconer objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Hall, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, and Thomas voted nay.

Representative Nancy Landry offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 364 and offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Hall, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Ellen Wittman, 5464 Charleston Woods Drive, Liberty Township, OH 45044, (513) 849-1320, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 364.

Nicholas Foster, Young Americans for Freedom, no address given, (985) 445-9497, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 364.

Joe Shamp, 4798 Highway 182, Opelousas, LA, (337) 351-3083, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 364.

David Shepherd, 2512 Village Circle Drive, Katy, TX 77493, (832) 949-3536, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 364.

Uma Subramanian, Louisiana Board of Regents, no address given, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 364.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 364 with amendments, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 364 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, 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: 17 in support. 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 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: