

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2019 Regular Session  
May 1, 2019

### **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 Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass

#### **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

*Vice Chairman Gary M. Carter, Jr., in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 320 by Representative Simon**

Representative Simon presented House Bill No. 320, which provides for access to applied behavior analysis providers in schools.

Ryan Templet, LCAAS and LaBAA, 218 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 320.

Anne Delery McWhorter, 925 Old Landing Road, Covington, LA, (985) 665-2514, spoke in support of House Bill No. 320.

Michael McWhorter, 925 Old Landing Road, Covington, LA, (985) 665-2514 (no witness card), spoke in support of House Bill No. 320.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule for discussion of legislation. Without objection, a three-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 320 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 320 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, 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.

#### **House Bill No. 517 by Representative Smith**

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 517, which provides relative to fees charged to students in elementary and secondary schools.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 517.

Representative Smith offered amendments to House Bill No. 517 that would:

1. Add that prior to assessing a fee for school supplies or developing a school supply list, consideration shall be given to the existing school supply inventory.
2. Delete provision prohibiting school supplies requested by teachers from constituting more than what a student can reasonably consume throughout the school year.
3. Delete requirement that school principals adopt a process for inventory of school supplies and that school supplies leftover at the end of a school year be used in the following school year.

Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 517 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 517 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 156 by Representative Pugh**

Representative Pugh presented House Bill No. 156, which revises provisions related to school buses.

Steve Vales, Louisiana Association of School Transportation Officials, P. O. Drawer AL, Reserve, LA 70084, (985) 320-7843, spoke in support of House Bill No. 156.

Representative Simon offered a motion to report House Bill No. 156 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 156 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hilferty, Leger, Simon, Smith, 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.

#### **House Bill No. 193 by Representative Bacala**

Representative Bacala presented House Bill No. 193, which revises procedures relative to students investigated for threats of violence or terrorism.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 193 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 193 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas 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.

### **House Bill No. 240 by Representative Lance Harris**

Representative Lance Harris presented House Bill No. 240, which provides relative to required physical activity for public school students. Exhibit A from halftimemag.com, "Musicians As Athletes", is included in the committee records.

Johnny Walker, Music Educators, 1203 Canterbury Drive, Alexandria, LA, (318) 308-5202, spoke in support of House Bill No. 240.

James Lormand II, Music Educators, 557 Versailles Boulevard, Apartment E, Alexandria, LA 71303, (337) 764-6912, spoke in support of House Bill No. 240.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 240. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 240 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, 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.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 38 by Representative Lyons**

Representative Lyons presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 38, which requests the state Department of Education, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the Department of Children and Family Services to work collaboratively to coordinate opportunities and access to early childhood programs.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 38 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 38 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Simon, Smith, and Thomas 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.

*Chairman Nancy Landry in the chair.*

### **House Bill No. 53 by Representative Moss**

Representative Moss presented House Bill No. 53, which provides relative to suicide prevention in schools.

LaVondra Dobbs, Via Link, 2645 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 453-2512, spoke in support of House Bill No. 53.

Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Boards Association, 635 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 382-0333, spoke in support of House Bill No. 53.

Ken Brown, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 4017 Long Pine, Lake Charles, LA 70611, (337) 496-9550, spoke in support of House Bill No. 53.

Caroline Roemer, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 291-8476, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 53.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 53. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 53 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 562 by Representative Emerson**

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 562, which provides relative to proprietary schools.

Matt Adams, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 562 and submitted a letter, labeled Exhibit B, from Billy L. Clark, president, Delta College of Arts & Technology, in support of House Bill No. 562, which is included in the committee records.

Carol Marabella, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7150, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 562 and submitted from the regents a document, "Proprietary Schools Law Update", labeled Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Emerson offered amendments to House Bill No. 562 that would:

1. Add out-of-state enterprises that require practical experiences in Louisiana to the definition of proprietary schools.
2. Delete requirement that proprietary schools retain electronic copies of student records and that the Board of Regents does not have to store hard copies of records it receives when a school ceases operations if the board stores the records electronically.
3. Reinstates present law relative to the cessation of payments into the Student Protection Fund and the deposit and use of funds in the Proprietary School Student Records and Administration Account.

Representative Emerson 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, Amedée, Gary Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Emerson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 562 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 562 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, 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.

### **House Bill No. 294 by Representative Carpenter**

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 294, which provides for anonymous sexual assault climate surveys at public postsecondary educational institutions.

Uma Subramanian, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 294.

Matt Adams, Louisiana Board of Regents, 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 6-200, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 294.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to House Bill No. 294 that require that the Board of Regents research and select the best method for survey development and administration, instead of requiring the board to research and select an agency or vendor to assist in survey development. 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, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 294 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 294 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support, and 4 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 482 by Representative Gary Carter**

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 482, which provides relative to the development and presentation of school academic improvement plans.

Representative Gary Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 482 that would revise the time frame for plan presentation from within 30 days of the beginning of the school year to within 60 days of the beginning of the school year and, if the school year begins without plan approval, from within 30 days of approval to within 60 days of approval.

Representative Gary 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, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 482 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 482 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 16 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

*Vice Chairman Gary M. Carter, Jr., in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 393 by Representative Leger**

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 393, which provides relative to the school facilities preservation and systemwide needs programs in certain school districts.

Henderson Lewis, Jr., Orleans Parish School Board, 2401 Westbend Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 304-5631, spoke in support of House Bill No. 393 and submitted a document, "Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) Legislation: Leger HB393", which is included in the committee records.

Charlie Crosby, Orleans Parish School Board, 2401 Westbend Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 450-3401, spoke in support of House Bill No. 393.

Tiffany Delwur, Orleans Parish School Board, 2401 Westbend Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 941-1852, spoke in support of House Bill No. 393.

Dr. Ken Ducote, Greater New Orleans (GNO) Collaborative of Charter Schools, 2401 Westbend Parkway, Suite 3040, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 309-3245, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 393.

Patrick Dobard, New Schools for New Orleans, 1555 Poydras, New Orleans, LA, (225) 892-1180 spoke in support of House Bill No. 393.

Representative Leger offered amendments to House Bill No. 393 that would:

1. Add requirement that facility funds be used to make payments to charter schools not housed in facilities provided by the school board.
2. Add requirement that the facilities office develop long-term capital plans for each campus prior to the retirement of bonds of the school board that are outstanding on July 1, 2014.
3. Prohibit the facilities office from spending more than \$1.5 million on development of capital plans.
4. Add provision for distribution of funds to school facilities accounts if there is not enough money to deposit the amount required by proposed law.
5. Require that systemwide needs funds be excluded from certain required payments to charter schools.
6. Prohibit use of systemwide needs program funds for payment of personnel and operating expenditures.



Representative Leger offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 393 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 393 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Leger, Simon, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 225 by Representative Edmonds**

Representative Nancy Landry announced that House Bill No. 225 by Representative Edmonds, which provides relative to the sale or transfer of charter school facilities financed through tax exempt bonds, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: