

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 14, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 227 by Representative Harris

Representative Harris presented House Bill No. 227, which provides relative to age requirements for persons receiving services at the Louisiana Special Education Center.

Kristy Wilson Flynn, director, Louisiana Special Education Center, 5400 Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 623-8821, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 227.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 227 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 227 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Leger, and Thomas voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 550 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 550, which provides that the identity of a person making a complaint relative to an early learning center, or certain providers, or fraud pertaining to the Child Care Assistance Program and related state Department of Education investigation records, shall be confidential and shall not be public record.

Erin Bendily, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3rd Street, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 550.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 550 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 550 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Leger, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 310 by Representative McMahan

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 310, which provides relative to requirements for teacher certification.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a substitute for House Bill No. 310. Without objection, the motion to adopt the substitute passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Leger, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered amendments to the substitute bill that would add the qualifier, "in order to remain enrolled and successfully complete the program". Representative Thomas offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Smith objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, and Thomas voted yea. Representatives Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Leger, and Smith voted nay. Representative Nancy Landry abstained.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report House Bill No. 310 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 310 was reported by substitute by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Falconer, Leger, 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.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a three-minute rule relative to witness testimony on House Bill No. 283. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Falconer, Leger, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

House Bill No. 283 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 283, which requires the use of video cameras in classrooms where special education services are provided to certain students with exceptionalities.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to House Bill No. 283 that would:

1. Limit the applicability of camera installation requirement to when requested by a parent and to self-contained classrooms.
2. Add that a parent's request for cameras shall only be granted for a classroom for which his child is in regular attendance.
3. Reduce duration of required data retention from one year to one month.

Representative Nancy Landry 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, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Boards Association, 635 Main Street, #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 382-0333, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 283.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to add that proposed law shall only take effect in a fiscal year in which the legislature appropriates funds for proposed law purposes. Representative Nancy Landry 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, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a two-minute rule relative to witness testimony House Bill No. 283. Without objection, the two-minute rule relative to witness testimony was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Falconer, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Kathleen Cannino, 846 Woodsprings Court, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 630-5926, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Katie Corkern, 60588 Smilin Acres Road, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 507-8540, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Anne McWhorter, 925 Old Landing Road, Covington, LA 70433, (985) 665-2514, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Stephanie Krielow, 307 Fabiola Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 303-7199, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Amanda Morgan, 6003 Cardinal Lane, Bossier City, LA 71111, (325) 370-9379, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Temisha Sonnier, 1292 Back Boioles Road, Oberlin, LA 70655, (337) 639-2362, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Denise Young, 119 Chaisson Road, Broussard, LA 70518, (337) 806-3978, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Dana Duke, 1665 Orchard Drive, Covington, LA 70435, (504) 884-6198, spoke in support of House Bill, No. 283.

Dana Fullington, 1012 Brandi Street, Sulphur, LA 70663, (337) 513-8985, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Lora Lavigne, LaCAN, 1000 Robley Drive, Apartment 1713, Lafayette, LA 70503, (504) 312-9701, spoke in support of House Bill No. 283.

Shawn Fleming, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, 621 Main Street, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-6804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 283.

Debbie Meaux, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 849-3514, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 283.

Sarah Vandergriff, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 430-6749, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 283.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Bill No. 283 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 283 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Bouie, Brass, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Leger, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 36 in support, and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman announced that House Bill No. 253 by Representative Nancy Landry, which requires certain disclosures by vendors and public school governing authorities relative to the giving and receiving of things of economic value prior to the adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials; House Bill No. 338 by Representative Patricia Smith, which provides relative to bullying and school safety policies of public school governing authorities; and House Bill No. 443, by Representative Nancy Landry, which provides relative to hazing, had been voluntarily deferred to the next meeting of the committee on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: