

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
June 7, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Lance Harris
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Troy D. Romero
Representative Christopher Turner
Representative Debbie Villio
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative C. Denise Marcelle
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Francis C. Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant
Stephanie Little, attorney
Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Senator Fields**

Senator Fields presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, which provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Beth Scioneaux, deputy superintendent, Department of Education (DOE), 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3617, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Dr. Cade Brumley, superintendent, DOE, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3617, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, but filled out a green card.

Representative Ken Brass, District 58, 22140 Highway 20, Suite C, Vacherie, LA 70090, (225) 265-9005, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Dr. P. Edward Cancienne, Jr., superintendent, St. James Parish Schools, 1800 West Main Street, Litcher, LA 70071, (225) 258-4502, spoke for information only on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Representative Jones offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carrier, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Dustin Miller, Romero, Villio, and Wheat 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. 142 by Senator Ward

Senator Ward presented Senate Bill No. 142, which provides for the disposition of funds generated by sports wagering.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which: (1) increase the percentage credited to the Behavioral Health and Wellness Fund from 1% to 2% or \$500,000, whichever is greater; (2) increase the percentage credited to the La. Early Childhood Education Fund from 20% to 25%; (3) increase the percentage remitted to parish governing authorities from 10% to 12%; and (4) make technical corrections. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Romero, Turner, Villio, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 142 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 142 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Romero, Turner, Villio, and Wheat 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.

IV. BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information.

For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

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All persons desiring to participate in the meeting shall utilize appropriate protective health measures and observe the recommended and appropriate social distancing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Jones offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Carrier, Gary Carter, Deshotel, DuBuisson, Edmonds, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, Romero, Turner, Villio, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
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