

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
May 27, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana..

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Laurie Schlegel
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Mark Wright, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Charles Anthony Owen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms
John Harrington, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Resolution No. 126 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Resolution No. 126, which requests the state Department of Education to evaluate training required of teachers.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adopt two-minute rule for the duration of the meeting. Without objection, the motion to adopt a two-minute rule passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Edmonds, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright, voted yea.

Representative Wright offered an amendment to House Resolution No. 126 to require the state Department of Education to report to the Senate Committee on Education. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Edmonds, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 126 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 126 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Edmonds, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, 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. 238 by Senator Milligan

Senator Milligan presented Senate Bill No. 238, which provides with respect to the Caddo Educational Excellence Fund.

Representative Wright offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 238. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Edmonds, Freeman, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 238 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 238 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Edmonds, Freeman, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator Foil

Senator Foil presented Senate Bill No. 86, which requires the governing authority of each public school to develop and adopt policies for the installation and operation of video cameras in certain classrooms.

Kathleen Cannino, 846 Woodsprings Court., Covington, LA 70433, (985) 630-5926, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 86.

Dylan Sonnier, 1292 Buck Bowles Road, Oberlin, LA 70655, (337) 977-1040, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 86.

Temisha Victorian, 1292 Buck Bowles Road, Oberlin, LA 70655 (337) 977-1040, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 86.

Dana Fullington, 1012 Brand Street, Sulphur, LA 70663, (337) 513-8985, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 86.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 86 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 86 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright 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. 234 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 234, which provides relative to expanded academic support.

Representative Wright offered a technical amendment to Senate Bill No. 234. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Kelli Bottger, American Federation for Children, 37397 Cypress Alley Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 936-9800, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 234.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, (225) 229-6021, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 234.

Sarah Vandergriff, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 430-6749, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 234.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 234 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 234 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright 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.

Senate Bill No. 60 by Senator Connick

Senator Connick presented Senate Bill No. 60, which provides relative to the compensation of intercollegiate athletes for the use of their name, image, or likeness.

Representative Edmonds offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 60 that would:

1. Delete a prohibition against compensation in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at a particular institution and delete a provision that compensation shall only be provided by a third party unaffiliated with the athlete's institution.
2. Add a provision prohibiting any postsecondary education institution, entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting an institution or its intercollegiate athletic programs, or officer, director, employee, or agent thereof from providing compensation to a current or prospective student athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Gary

Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

Dr. Jim Henderson, University of Louisiana System, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (318) 426-7104, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 60.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 60 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 60 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright 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 Resolution No. 101 by Representative Beaulieu

Representative Beaulieu presented House Resolution No. 101, which requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study and submit a report relative to the provision of mental health services in schools and the possibility of providing mental health education to certain students.

Belinda Davis, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 4540 Hyacinth, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 202-2698, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 101.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 101 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 101 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 50 by Senator Fields

On behalf of Senator Fields, Logan Anderson, Sandy Hook Promise, 445 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50, which requests the state Department of Education to identify providers of violence and suicide prevention training that is available at no or low cost.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 50 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas

and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, 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. 214 by Senator Jackson

On behalf of Senator Jackson, Representative Jefferson presented Senate Bill No. 214, which provides relative to individual graduation plans and high school curriculum options.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 214 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 214 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Amedee offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedee, Brass, Gary Carter, Edmonds, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Wright voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

House Committee on Education

Date adopted: _____

The committee has acknowledged on _____, 2022, that these minutes were prepared in accordance with the rules of the House of Representatives.