

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
April 27, 2022

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Lance Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Lance Harris, chairman  
Representative Beryl A. Amedée  
Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg  
Representative Stephanie Hilferty  
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, vice chairman  
Representative Charles Anthony Owen  
Representative Tammy T. Phelps  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III  
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

Kalan Jenkins, clerk

Hailey Austin, clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the three-minute rule for presenters and witnesses to speak. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Freeman, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

**House Bill No. 970 by Representative White**

House Bill No. 970 creates an early childhood literacy program for the purpose of delivering an age-appropriate book monthly to eligible children under the age of five.

Representative Harris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 970. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 970 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

**House Bill No. 364 by Representative McKnight**

Representative McKnight presented House Bill No. 364, which provides relative to disciplinary proceedings for students enrolled in public postsecondary education institutions and student-led organizations.

Dr. Jim Henderson, University of Louisiana System president, 1201 North Third Street, 7-300, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 364.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 364 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 364 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 1 for information only.

**House Bill No. 526 by Representative Edmonds**

On behalf of Representative Edmonds, Dr. Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, presented House Bill No. 526, which requires school boards to post certain fiscal information on their websites.

Dr. Keith Courville, A + PEL, 7907 Wrenwood Boulevard, Suite B, no city or state given, (225) 571-4821, spoke in support of House Bill No. 526.

Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Board Association, 635 Main Street #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 382-0333, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 526.

Jennifer Carignan, Louisiana Save Our Schools, 719 South Taylor Street, Covington, LA 70433, (240) 893-9501, spoke in support of House Bill No. 526.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to report House Bill No. 526 favorably, to which Representative Phelps objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 526 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Freeman, Hilferty, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Brass, Jefferson, and Phelps voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 7 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

*Vice Chairman Jefferson in the chair.*

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 by Representative Harris**

Representative Harris presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 23, which provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for FY 2022-2023.

Dr. Cade Brumley, Louisiana Department of Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Beth Scioneaux, Louisiana Department of Education, Claiborne Building 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-3617, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Dr. Janet Pope, Louisiana School Boards Association, 620 Florida Street, Suite 100, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 769-3191, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Dr. Keith Courville, A + PEL, 7907 Wrenwood Boulevard, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 769-4005, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Marcus Thomas, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Sarah Vandergrift, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 70005, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1087, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Dr. Tia Mills, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

Representative Harris offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

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

*Chairman Harris in the chair.*

#### **House Bill No. 423 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Bill No. 423, which requires public school governing authorities to provide high school seniors the opportunity to register to vote.

Representative Freiberg offered amendments that:

- (1) Limited the registration opportunity to seniors who are 17 or older; and
- (2) Authorized school governing authorities to follow the secretary of state's guidance in implementing the proposed law.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Katie Alexander, 1380 Steele Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 408-9498, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 423.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 423 with amendments, to which Representative Charles Owen objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 423 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Harris, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Amedée, Charles Owen, and Schlegel voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 367 by Representative Brass**

Representative Brass presented House Bill No. 367, which requires teachers or other school employees placed on administrative leave during a law enforcement investigation to remain on leave at least until the completion of the investigation by the law enforcement agency.

Hannah Armant, Hannah's Law, 8469 Kingview Street, St. James, LA 70086, (225) 206-7048, spoke in support of House Bill No. 467.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke for information only.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 367 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 367 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 244 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Bill No. 244, which provides relative to public school calendar requirements.

Ethan Melancon, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 244.

Representative Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 244 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 244 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 81, which creates the Workforce Opportunity and Readiness Task Force to study and report relative to workforce readiness programs and activities in public schools.

Chris Broadwater, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (985) 634-3283, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 81.

Ethan Melancon, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education / Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 81.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 617 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Bill No. 617, which creates the Reimagine Accountability Commission to study and report findings and recommendations relative to the school and district accountability system.

Representative Jefferson offered amendments that would remove prohibitions on the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Department of Education from taking the following actions relative to the accountability system from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024:

- (1) Renewing or entering into contracts with vendors that provide services relative to the accountability system that have a term longer than one fiscal year; and
- (2) Implementing any changes to the accountability system except those mandated by the legislature or federally mandated.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Marcus Thomas, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in support of House Bill No. 617.

Dr. Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 617.

Lauren Gleason, Louisiana Association of Business & Industry, 500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 617.

Ethan Melancon, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 617.

Jennifer Carignan, Louisiana Save Our Schools, 719 South Taylor Street, Covington, LA 70433, (240) 893-9501, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 617.

Representative Harris offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 617. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 617 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, and 11 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 1025 by Representative Mincey**

Representative Mincey presented House Bill No. 1025, which provides relative to the administration of the ACT and the school and district accountability system.

Lauren Gleason, Louisiana Association of Business & Industry, 500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Ethan Melancon, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Dr. Erin Bendily, Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1025.

Representative Jefferson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1025 favorably, to which Representative Amedée objected. No vote was taken.

Representative Tarver offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1025. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1025 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, and 5 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 649 by Representative Hilferty**

Representative Hilferty presented House Bill No. 649, which prohibits corporal punishment in public schools.

Susan East Nelson, LA Partnership for Children & Families, 13609 Landmark Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 229-2498, spoke in support of House Bill No. 649.

Dr. Julia Fleckman, 4908 South Robertson Street, New Orleans, LA 70114, (713) 205-7261, spoke in support of House Bill No. 649.

Hannah Gilbert, American Professional Society, 2502 Pine Street, Apartment C, New Orleans, LA 70125, (205) 807-5703, spoke in support of House Bill No. 649.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke in support of House Bill No. 649.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 649 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 649 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 22 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.



**House Bill No. 927 by Representative Selders**

Representative Selders presented House Bill No. 927, which authorizes a tuition increase at Louisiana State University Laboratory School and Southern University Laboratory School.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report House Bill No. 927 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 927 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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.

**House Bill No. 269 by Representative Nelson**

Representative Nelson presented House Bill No. 269, which prohibits promotion to the fourth grade of certain students whose reading deficiencies have not been remedied by the end of the third grade.

Representative Harris offered amendments to delay implementation of provisions of the bill to the 2023-2024 school year. Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Dr. Burk, Foundation for Excellence in Education, 9828 Crooked Creek Boulevard, Byram, MS 39272, spoke in support of House Bill No. 269.

Sarah Vandergriff, Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 320 Metairie Hammond Highway, Metairie, LA 70005, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 269.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 269 with amendments, to which Representative Brass objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 269 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Brass and Freeman voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 16 in support, 2 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 911 by Representative Hughes**

Representative Hughes presented House Bill No. 911, which provides relative to early literacy.

Representative Freeman offered amendments that:

- (1) Revised terminology from literacy assessment to literacy screener throughout present law and proposed law; and
- (2) Revised the Department of Education's role relative to the literacy screener by providing for the department to either develop or select it.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Dr. Burk, Foundation of Excellence in Education, 9828 Crooked Creek Boulevard, Byram, MS 39272, spoke in support of House Bill No. 911.

DeJunné Clark Jackson, The Center for Literacy & Learning, 530 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (833) 792-1874, spoke in support of House Bill No. 911.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 911 with amendments, and with a recommendation to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Appropriations. Without objection, House Bill No. 911 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 47 by Representative Edmonston**

Representative Edmonston presented House Bill No. 47, which requires that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include exemption information and an exemption form.

Representative Amedée offered amendments that:

- 1) Required each public and nonpublic school and facility to accept exemption documentation.

- 2) Removed the requirement that schools provide an exemption form.
- 3) Specified that the exemption would apply not only to those seeking to enter school but to those attending school.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Freeman, Freiberg, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom LA, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 47 and provided a handout, "Health Freedom Louisiana", which is labeled Exhibit A and is in the committee records.

Dr. Kathy Willis, 42386 Forest View Place, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (985) 705-0026, spoke in support of House Bill No. 47.

Carol Friedland, 10635 North Stanwick Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 773-5701, spoke in support of House Bill No. 47.

Fiorella Trapani, Health Freedom LA, no address given, spoke in support of House Bill No. 47.

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 House Bill No. 47.

Joan E. Hunt, general counsel, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3573, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 47.

Pete Martinez, BIO, 1155 Aberdeen Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 252-5362, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 47.

Kaitlyn Joshua, Power Coalition, 12296 Oak Colony Drive, Geismar, LA 70734, (225) 454-8432, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 47.

Stephen Wright, Louisiana BIO, 695 Kiskatom Lane, Mandeville, LA 70471, (318) 663-3810, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 47.

Jennifer Herricks, Ph.D., Louisiana Families for Vaccines, P.O. Box 15021, Baton Rouge, LA 70895, (713) 898-2051.

Representative Amedée offered a motion to report House Bill No. 47 with amendments, to which Representative Freeman objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 47 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée,

Freiberg, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Brass, Freeman, Hilferty, and Jefferson voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, and 11 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 74 in support, and 2 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 214 by Representative Nelson**

Representative Nelson presented House Bill No. 214, which requires passage of a reading instruction test as a condition of teacher certification in elementary education.

Representative Harris offered amendments to remove sixth grade teachers from the requirements of the proposed law and change the effective date from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024. Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Ethan Melancon, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 214.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report House Bill No. 214 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 214 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follow: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 865 by Representative Nelson**

Representative Nelson presented House Bill No. 865, which provides relative to textbooks and instructional materials used in reading instruction.

Representative Harris offered amendments that added a third method of reading instruction that schools shall not use to teach reading. Representative Harris offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, and Tarver voted yea.

Ethan Melancon, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 865.

DeJunné Clark Jackson, The Center for Literacy & Learning, 530 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (833) 792-1874, spoke in support of House Bill No. 865.

Representative Charles Owen offered a motion to report House Bill No. 865 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 865 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 516 by Representative Landry**

Representative Landry presented House Bill No. 516, which requires each governing authority of a public high school to adopt policies regarding attendance, breastfeeding, and child care for students who are pregnant or parenting.

Michelle Erenberg, Lift Louisiana, 3157 Gentilly Boulevard, #2327, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 484-9636, spoke in support of House Bill No. 516.

Kristina Bradford Baramonte, EQA Schools, 128 Oak Manor Drive, Slidell, LA 70460, (504) 344-8821, spoke in support of House Bill No. 516.

Representative Hilferty offered a motion to report House Bill No. 516 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 516 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Amedée, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 22 in support, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 9 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 195 by Representative Freeman**

Representative Freeman presented House Bill No. 195, which requires public schools to provide free menstrual products in student restrooms or other easily accessible locations.

Representative Jason Hughes, House District No. 100, no witness card submitted, spoke in favor of House Bill No. 195.

Kendra Reade, Junior League New Orleans, 4020 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 722-0908, spoke in support of House Bill No. 195.

Belinda Davis, 4540 Hyacinth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 202-2698, spoke in support of House Bill No. 195.

Kate Baudouin, 3424 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 400-7553, spoke in support of House Bill No. 195.

Anariya Bhatia, Caddo Magnet High Girl Up, 6121 Fern Avenue, Unit 3, Shreveport, LA 71105, (318) 820-8604, spoke in support of House Bill No. 195.

Representative Freeman offered a motion to report House Bill No. 195 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 195 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 37 in support, 4 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 10 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Harris announced that House Bill No. 688 by Representative Phelps, which provides relative to sabbatical leave for teachers, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Tarver offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Harris, Brass, Freeman, Freiberg, Hilferty, Jefferson, Charles Owen, Phelps, Schlegel, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Lance Harris  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: