

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
May 7, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Laurie Schlegel, chair
Representative Beryl A. Amedée, vice chair
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass
Representative Josh Carlson
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter
Representative Kim Carver
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Michael Melerine
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent "Vinney" J. St. Blanc, III
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Rashid Armand Young

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Lisa Lovello, legislative analyst
Alexandra Cravins, committee administrative assistant
Natayveon Howard-Williams, clerk
Frank Meyer, IV, clerk

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 39 by Representative Knox**

Representative Knox presented House Resolution No. 39, which requests the state Department of Education to report to the legislature relative to adverse childhood experience education pilot programs.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Resolution No. 39 that:

1. Require the state Dept. of Education to include certain information in the report submitted to the legislature required by the resolution.
2. Make technical changes.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carpenter, Carver, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Alma Stewart Allen, Louisiana Center for Health Equity, P.O. Box 82637, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 39.

Ken Bradford, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 39.

Representative Brass offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 39 with amendments, to which Representative Tarver objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Resolution No. 39 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, St. Blanc, and Taylor voted yea. Representative Tarver voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 343 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 343, which provides relative to the prevention of power-based violence in public postsecondary education institutions.

Brianna Golden, Board of Regents, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 343.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 343 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 343 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 349 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 349, which provides for mental health evaluations of high school student athletes who are injured while participating in a sporting event.

Ken Bradford, Louisiana Department of Education, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 349.

Senate Bill No. 310 by Senator Barrow

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 310, which requires every public and approved nonpublic secondary school to print "988" on the back of all school IDs.

Ken Bradford, Louisiana Department of Education, 120 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70807, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 310.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 310.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 310 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 310 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Edmonston, Freiberg, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The committee shoot at ease at 10:29 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Senate Bill No. 207 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 207, which provides relative to the unauthorized possession of electronic telecommunication devices at school.

Representative Schlegel offered amendments to House Bill No. 207 that exempted students with certain specialized plans that require telecommunication device use from the proposed law prohibition. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Corhonda Corley, Louisiana Families of Children with Disabilities, 8815 Wilmore Drive, Zachary, LA 70791, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 207.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 207.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 207 with amendments, to which Representative Amedée objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 207 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea. Representative Amedée voted nay.

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

Senate Bill No. 358 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 358, which provides relative to mandatory expulsion.

Representative Schlegel offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 358. Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Eric Weinzetle, American Lung Association, 14066 Winterset Drive, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 358.

Hector Linares, 1505 Colony Road, Metairie, LA 70003, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 358.

Representative Carlson offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 358 with amendments, to which Representative Taylor objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 358 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, and Tarver voted yea. Representatives Brass and Taylor voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, 4 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 252 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 252, which requires city, parish and other local public school boards to adopt and implement a program to facilitate behavior health intervention and referral for treatment.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 2713 Indian Mound Boulevard, Monroe, LA 71201, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 252.

Dannie Garrett, Louisiana School Board Association, 635 Main Street, #3, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 252.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 252 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 252 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Carver, Edmonston, Melerine, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 352 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 352, which provides relative to the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force.

Representative Freiberg offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 352 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 352 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by those who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 434 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 434, which provides relative to the use of vapes at school.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 434 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 434 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Melerine offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Schlegel, Amedée, Brass, Carlson, Edmonston, Freiberg, Melerine, Owen, St. Blanc, Tarver, and Taylor voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Laurie Schlegel
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: