

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
May 7, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in Room 1, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
Representative Wesley T. Bishop
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Henry L. Burns
Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.
Representative Simone B. Champagne
Representative John Bel Edwards
Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice Chairman
Representative Nancy Landry
Representative Edward J. Price
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Jeff R. Thompson
Representative Alfred C. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borné, Legislative Analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, Legislative Analyst

Jacqueline Snowden, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 643 by Representative Miller

Representative Miller presented House Bill No. 643, which provides with respect to the payment of UAL and other retirement obligations from MFP to determine state-funded per pupil allocation for charter schools, course providers, and scholarship schools.

Representative Shadoin offered a set of amendments to House Bill No. 643 that would place the bill in its proper posture for discussion. Representative Shadoin offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Presenting highlights and explaining the bill were Mr. Dan Garrett, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 445 North Blvd., Ste. 810, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 325-8709, and Mr. Scott M. Richard, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 643 were Mr. Michael Faulk, representing the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, P. O. Box 78094, (225) 229-6021, and Mr. James Melohn, chief financial officer, representing the St. Charles Parish School Board, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070, (985) 785-6289.

Presenting information only were Ms. Joan E. Hunt, executive counsel, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3572; Ms. Beth Scioneaux, deputy superintendent of education, state Department of Education, (225) 342-3617; Mr. Roy Mongrue, representing the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 925-1830; and Mr. Shawn Fleming, representing the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, P. O. Box 3455, (225) 342-6806.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 643 were Ms. Brigitte Nieland, representing the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388; Mr. Kevin Kane, representing the Pelican Institute, (504) 920-4727; Col. Bill Davis,

representing New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, 2000 Opelousas Ave., Bldg. H-100, New Orleans, LA 70114, (504) 227-3810; Mr. Adrian Morgan, representing Algiers Charter School Association, 3712 MacArthur Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70131, (504) 307-7008; Mr. Michael Stone, representing New Schools for New Orleans, 200 Broadway, Ste. 200, New Orleans, LA, (504) 324-3636; Mr. Joseph Neary, representing First Line Schools, 4200 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 952-3613; Ms. Veronica Brooks, representing the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, (no address given), (504) 274-3652; Mr. Mickey Landry, representing the Choice Foundation, 2727 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 286-2398; Mr. Ben Kleban, representing New Orleans college presidents, (no address given), (574) 756-5577; and Ms. Theresa Broussard, representing parent of student with LA Connections, 30976 Walker N. Rd., Walker, LA 70785, 678-6235.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of and in opposition to House Bill No. 643 are attached.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 643 with amendments. Representative Wesley Bishop offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 643, to which Representative Richard objected. The secretary called the roll on the substitute motion and the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea. Representatives Edwards, Price, Richard, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

House Bill No. 666 by Representative Pearson

Representative Pearson presented House Bill No. 666, which requires certain payments from minimum foundation program formula funds to the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana.

Presenting information on House Bill No. 666 were Mr. James Melohn, chief financial officer, representing the St. Charles Parish School Board, 13855 River Road, Luling, LA 70070, (985) 785-6289, and Mr. Roy Mongrue, general counsel, representing the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana, 8401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 925-1830.

Speaking in opposition to House Bill No. 666 were Ms. Veronica Brooks, representing the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, (no address given), (504) 274-3652; Mr. Ben Kleban, representing New Orleans College Prep, (no address given), (574) 756-5577; Mr. Sean Wilson, representing the International School of Louisiana, 1450 Camp St., New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 274-4582; Mr. Michael Stone, representing New Schools for New Orleans, 200 Broadway, Ste. 200, New Orleans, LA, (504) 324-3636; Mr. Adrian Morgan, representing Algiers Charter School Association, 3712 MacArthur Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70131, (504) 307-7008; Mr. Joseph Neary, representing Firstline Schools, 4200 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 952-3613; Ms. Caroline Roemer, representing the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 200 Broadway,

Ste. 108, New Orleans, LA 70118; Mr. Kevin Kane, representing the Pelican Institute, (504) 920-4727; Ms. Brigitte Nieland, representing the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, 3113 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5388; and Mr. Franklin Y. Endom, Jr., representing Belle Chasse Academy, 1111 South Foster, Baton Rouge, LA (225) 343-1848.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of and in opposition to House Bill No. 666 are attached.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 666, to which Representative Smith objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 5 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Nancy Landry, and Thompson voted yea. Representatives Edwards, Price, Richard, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

House Bill No. 661 by Representative Wesley Bishop

Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Bill No. 661, which creates and provides for Type 3B charter schools and provides for charter school funding.

Providing information only on House Bill No. 661 were Ms. Holly Reid, policy executive director, Recovery School District, 1315 Penistan St., Apt. 2, New Orleans, LA 70115, (972) 890-7708 and Ms. Kathleen Padian, deputy superintendent of schools, Orleans Parish Schools, 3520 General DeGaulle, New Orleans, LA, (504) 359-8195.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a set of amendments to House Bill No. 661 that provide as follows:

1. Adds to proposed law definition of a Type 3B charter school provisions relative to the facilities provided to such schools and provisions relative to participation in unified processes.
2. Deletes proposed law that requires a district with one or more Type 3B charter schools to allocate MFP formula funds to each school directly operated or authorized by the school district using a differentiated per-pupil funding formula and instead requires such a district to distribute MFP funds to each Type 1, 3, 3B, and 4 charter school using the weighted allocations provided for in the most recently adopted MFP formula.
3. Adds a requirement that the Orleans Parish School Board use the allocation method provided for in proposed law no earlier than the 2018-2019 fiscal year for all Type 1 and 3 charter schools in operation prior to the 2013-2014 school year and specifies that until that time, those schools shall be funded as provided in present law.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Price, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 661 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Price, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
House Committee on Education