

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2013 Regular Session
May 8, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, 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. 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. 671 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 671, which authorizes each public postsecondary education management board to impose additional tuition and fees for certain programs and purposes.

Providing information only were Dr. William Jenkins, interim president, Louisiana State University System, 156 Thomas Boyd Hall, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 578-5977; Dean Henry Gremillion, School of Dentistry, LSU Health Sciences Center, 1100 Florida Ave., New Orleans, LA, (504) 568-4800; and Mr. John S. Woodard, SGA president, LSU-Baton Rouge, 75375 River Rd., Covington, LA, (225) 985-807-3660.

Representative Carmody offered a set of amendments to House Bill No. 671, that provided as follows:

1. Deletes proposed law authority granted to the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose a technology and infrastructure enhancement fee at LSU-Baton Rouge and instead authorizes the board to impose a facilities use and maintenance fee at all institutions under its management and supervision.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 671 and who were available to provide information only are attached.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report House Bill No. 671 with amendments, to which Representative Richard objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, and Alfred Williams voted yea. Representatives Champagne, Edwards, and Richard voted nay.

Senate Bill No. 229 by Senator Broome

Representative Jefferson presented Senate Bill No. 229 on behalf of Senator Broome. Senate Bill No. 229 provides that the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund shall be known as the "Kevin P. Reilly, Sr. Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund".

State Treasurer John Kennedy, 3rd Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-0010, presented highlights of the bill.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 229 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Richard, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 229 are attached.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to place Senate Bill No. 229 on the Local & Consent calendar. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Richard, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 117 by Senator Appel

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 117, which provides for the creation of the Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 117 that provided as follows:

1. Revises the membership of the task force as follows:

Removes the president of LSUnited, the chairman of the council of Faculty Advisors of the LSU System, the president of the Faculty Senate of Southern United, and the chairman of the Faculty Advisory Councils to the University of Louisiana System and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Adds the president of the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates, the chairman of the executive board of the Council of Student Body Presidents of Louisiana, and three members representing business or civic organizations, appointed by the governor.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Wesley Bishop objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 5 nays.

Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, and Nancy Landry voted yea. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Edwards, Jefferson, Richard, and Shadoin voted nay.

Speaking in opposition to Senate Bill No. 117 was Dr. Michael A. Walker, who explained LSUnited.

Providing information only was Dr. Jim Purcell, commissioner of higher education, representing the Louisiana Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of and in opposition to Senate Bill No. 117 and who were available to provide information only are attached.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 117 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Richard, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 118 by Senator Appel

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 118, which provides relative to the use, expenditure, or allocation of funds appropriated to public postsecondary education management boards.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 118 that provided as follows:

1. Refers to the outcomes-based formula developed by the Board of Regents instead of by the task force.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Hollis, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Richard, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Providing information only was Mr. Jim Marchand, representing the LSU System, 3829 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 578-0337.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of and in opposition to Senate Bill No. 118 and who were available to provide information only are attached.

Representative Carter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 118 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 130 by Senator Appel

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 130, which creates the Early Childhood Care and Education Network and the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System.

Representative Jefferson offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 130 that provided for the addition of language "and Secondary" on page 2 at the end of line 19. Representative Jefferson offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

Speaking in support of the bill was Ms. Tiffany Simpson, representing the Office of the Governor, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-3327.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 130 and who were available to provide information only are attached.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 130 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 31 by Senator Claitor

Senator Claitor presented Senate Bill No. 31, which enacts the Board Scholarship Reporting Act relative to scholarships awarded by members of public postsecondary education management boards.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 31 that provide as follows:

1. Makes proposed law applicable to public postsecondary education management boards instead of postsecondary education management boards.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 31 are attached.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 31 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley

Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 202 by Senator Nevers

Senator Nevers presented Senate Bill No. 202, which revises core curriculum requirements and the method of calculating the grade point average for TOPS awards.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 202 that provided as follows:

Relative to core curriculum requirements in proposed law:

1. Science:
 - (a) Provides that Agriscience I and Agriscience II count as one unit combined instead of one unit each.
 - (b) Adds Biology II (one unit) and Chemistry II (one unit) to the list of courses that may be chosen to fulfill part of the science requirement.
2. Art: Adds Speech III and Speech IV for one unit combined in replacement of Speech and Debate for one unit each.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

Representative Carmody offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 202 that provided as follows:

Relative to core curriculum requirements in proposed law:

1. Science:
 - (a) Adds Biology II (one unit) and Chemistry II (one unit) to the list of courses that may be chosen to fulfill part of the science requirement.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Speaking in support of Senate Bill No. 202 was Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA.

Providing information only was Dr. Jim Purcell, commissioner of higher education, representing the state Board of Regents, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 202 and who were available to provide information only are attached.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 202 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, Shadoin, 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 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
House Committee on Education