

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2013 Regular Session  
May 29, 2013

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

Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:02 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. 129 by Representative Pierre**

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 129, which prohibits giving a teacher or administrator a performance rating until completion of his full evaluation.

Accompanying Representative Pierre and speaking in support of House Bill No. 129 were Ms. Mary Patricia Wray and Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Representative Ivey offered a set of amendments to House Bill No. 129 that provided as follows:

1. Adds that proposed law shall not prevent the results of the observation portion of an evaluation from being used as a criterion in making reduction in force decisions.

Representative Ivey 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, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Richard, and Smith voted yea.

Also speaking in support of House Bill No. 129 were Ms. Joyce Haynes, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais, Baton Rouge, LA, (337) 945-1871; Ms. Deborah M. Meaux, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 10717 Beverly Dr., Kaplan, LA 70548, (337) 643-1075; Ms. Judy McShan, representing St. Bernard Association of Educators, 2815 DeLille St., Chalmette, LA, (504) 230-2815; Ms. Vicky Johnson, 1207 Tan Tara Circle, Lake Charles, LA 70611, (337) 802-9599; and Mr. Daryl Roberson, 3007 Knight St., #210, (318) 274-2200.

Providing information only was Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of and in opposition to House Bill No. 129 are attached.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 129 with amendments, to which Representative Carter objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 4 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Smith voted yea. Representatives Carter, Champagne, Hollis, and Nancy Landry voted nay.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 130 by Representative Pearson**

Representative Pearson presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 130, which requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to discontinue the practice of sharing student data with private companies and the federal government.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 130 are attached.

Representative Carter offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 130. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Richard, and Smith voted yea.

#### **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64 by Senator Nevers**

Senator Nevers presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64, which requests the Department of Education to establish a group to study the current state of agriculture education in elementary and secondary schools.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64 are attached.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Price, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 205 by Senator LaFleur**

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 205, which provides for the establishment of foreign language immersion programs in public school districts.

Providing information only were Ms. Terri Hammatt, representing the state Department of Education, 242 Delgado Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70805, and Ms. Nicole Boudreaux, representing the Lafayette Parish School System and the Louisiana Consortium of Immersion Schools, 1057 Dudley Menard Rd., Boussard, LA 70518, (337) 367-3811.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 205 are attached.

Speaking in opposition to Senate Bill No. 205 were Mr. Scott Richard, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191; Mr. Dale Henderson, representing the Iberia Parish School Board, P. O. Box 200; and Mr. Jerome Puyau, superintendent, Vermilion Parish Schools, 206 S. Oak St., (337) 898-5764.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of House Bill No. 205 are attached.

Representative Shadoin offered a set of amendments to House Bill No. 205 that provide as follows:

1. Deletes proposed law repeal of the Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act.

Representative Shadoin 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, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Shadoin, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Henry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 205 with amendments, to which Representative Price objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, and Jefferson voted yea. Representatives Henry Burns, Carmody, Edwards, Price, Shadoin, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

### **Senate Bill No. 206 by Senator LaFleur**

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 206, which provides for empowered community schools.

Speaking in support of Senate Bill No. 206 was Mr. Jason Hughes, representing Stand for Children, 4035 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 491-3785

Speaking in opposition to Senate Bill No. 206 were Mr. Scott Richard, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191; Ms. Joyce Haynes, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais, Baton Rouge, LA, (337) 945-1871; Ms. Judy McShan, representing St. Bernard Association of Educators, 2815

DeLille St., Chalmette, LA, (504) 230-2815; and Mr. Donald Songy, associate executive director, representing the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 37617 Seven Oaks Ave., Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 323-3921.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 206 are attached.

Representative Champagne offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 206 on behalf of Representative Landry. Representative Champagne offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 206 that would incorporate Representative's Bishop's amendment into Representative's Champagne's amendment. Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which Representative Carmody objected. The secretary called the roll and by a vote of 3 yeas and 9 nays, the motion failed to pass. Representatives Carter, Jefferson, and Price voted yea. Representatives Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Shadoin, and Thompson voted nay.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 206 with amendments, to which Representative Edwards objected. The secretary called the roll and by a vote of 6 yeas and 7 nays, the motion failed to pass. Representatives Carter, Carmody, Champagne, Henry, Hollis, and Nancy Landry voted yea. Representatives Edwards, Ivey, Jefferson, Price, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted nay.

Representative Edwards offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on Senate Bill No. 206. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

To hear a presentation by representatives of NextSTEP of Central Louisiana (Systemic Transition to Empowerment Program) including an overview of A Flight We Can Win - the program's teen dating violence awareness and prevention initiative.

The representatives from this program were not present at the meeting.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
House Committee on Education