

## House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting  
2014 Regular Session  
March 19, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 8:55 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 Patrick O. Jefferson, Vice 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 Nancy Landry  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
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. Borne, Committee Legislative Analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, Senior Committee Legislative Analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, Committee Secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 144 by Representative Thibaut**

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 144, which authorizes the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board to exchange immovable property including sixteenth section lands.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 144 was Ms. Sandra McDade, representing LPC and Eagle Forum, 3112 Pines Rd., Shreveport, LA 71119, (318) 458-1410. Also supporting the bill but not wishing to speak were Mr. Lee Faucette, representing the Louisiana Association of School Executives, 12615 Stoneway Place, Baton Rouge, LA 70818, (225) 261-5560; Dr. Lennie Rhys, representing Louisiana Strong, 555 St. Landry, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, [lennie.rhys@gmail.com](mailto:lennie.rhys@gmail.com); and Ms. Nikki Gaspard, representing her children, 205 Timberwood Dr., Madisonville, LA 70447, (985) 273-2992.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report House Bill No. 144 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 144 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

**House Bill No. 600 by Representative Abramson**

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 600, which requires public school governing authorities and charter schools to adopt policies or provide in bus transportation service agreements relative to the location of the loading or unloading of students.

Representative Carmody offered a set of amendments that provide that the proposed law prohibition does not apply if the shoulder of a municipal road is the only available alternative and the municipality has not made it available for loading and unloading students during designated school zone hours.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

Supporting House Bill No. 600 were Ms. Caroline Roemer Shirley, representing the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, 1555 Poydras St., Ste. 750, New Orleans, LA (504) 274-3673; and Mr. Jim Crumling, representing the Acadiana Patriots, 203 Grand Prairie St., Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 659-2505.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 600 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 600 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Richard, and Thompson voted yea.

### **House Bill No. 946 by Representative Schroder**

Representative Schroder presented House Bill No. 946, which provides for limitations and prohibitions on the collection and sharing of student information and provides penalties for violations.

Ms. Karen Champagne, representing The People, LLC, 1500 Prytania, New Orleans, LA 70115, (504) 422-3799, accompanied Representative Schroder in presenting the legislation.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments that provide as follows:

- (1) Adds charter schools.
- (2) Clarifies what a "school system" is and defines the "employee" who will have access to student data, as well "business day" relative to when a parent can make a request to review his or her child's data.
- (3) Includes a clause that would have parents sign a waiver of the data and where it will be directed.
- (4) Insure that a child's data goes to a "member of" the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- (5) Clarifies the time frame for implementation of the provisions of the bill.
- (6) Provides that the State Department of Education will create a unique identification number for each child instead of using a child's social security number.
- (7) Adds provisions for third party vendors.
- (8) Makes technical changes.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 946 were Ms. Debbie Sachs, representing herself, 2320 Jefferson St., (no city given), (985) 626-3595; Ms. Wendy Sabathier, representing her children, 824 Destin St., Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 373-4153; Ms. Sarah Wood, 210 Shauneil, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 727-1981; Ms. Kathryn Goppelt, representing Louisiana Core-parents/teachers, 42291 Clouatre Rd., Gonzales, LA, (225) 675-8002; Mr. Ralph Roshto, representing killcommoncore.com, (985) 231-8724; Ms. Mandy Bernard, representing herself and her children, 2107 Church St., Olla, LA 71465, (318) 880-6453; Ms. Amy Lemoine, representing herself, 1216 N. Dugas Rd., Lafayette, LA 70507, (337) 371-5444; Ms. Anna Arthurs, 401 Hale Dr., Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 447-1207; Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037; Ms. Liz Gary, representing her son, 2154 West Ridge Dr., Mandeville, LA (985) 674-1783; Ms. Rachel Sachs, representing herself, 2320 Jefferson St., Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 626-3595; Ms. Desiree' Hanvy, representing her children, 106 Tallowood Dr., Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 857-6272; Ms. Nikki Gaspared, representing her children, 205 Timberwood Dr., Madisonville, LA 70447, (985) 273-2492; Ms. Jenny Klein, representing herself and her children, 813 Sand Fox Run, Madisonville, LA 70447, (985) 792-5210; Ms. Stephanie Beard, representing the children of Louisiana, 76450 Hwy. 1082, Covington, LA 70435, (985) 809-1442; and Ms. Deborah Meaux, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 11385 Reiger Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 849-3514.

Providing information were Mr. Scott Richard, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 769-3191; Ms. Patrice Pujol, representing the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 11837 Home Port Dr., Maurepas, LA 70449, (225) 715-4588; Ms. Stephanie Desselle, representing the Council for a Better Louisiana, 251 Florida Blvd., Ste. 400, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-2225; Mr. Keith Bores, representing EDgear, LLC., 714 Ashely Ridge, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 868-8000; Ms. Uma Subramanian, representing the state Board of Regents, 1201 Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253; Ms. Robyn Lively, representing the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, 6th Floor, Galvez Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 219-7652; Ms. Shanna Estay, representing the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, 6th Floor, Galvez Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-0511; Ms. Deborah Paul, representing the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, 6th Floor, Galvez Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, (225) 219-7840; and Mr. John White, state superintendent of education, representing the state Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA.

The names of persons who signed witness cards to speak in support of House Bill No. 946 but either decided not to speak or were not present when called are contained in Exhibit A.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in support of House Bill No. 946 but did not wish to speak are contained in Exhibit B.

The names of persons who signed witness cards in opposition to House Bill No. 946 but did not wish to speak are contained in Exhibit C.

The names of persons who were available to provide information on House Bill No. 946 are contained in Exhibit D.

Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 946. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 946 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 555 by Representative Henry**

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 555, which provides for limitations and prohibitions on the collection and sharing of student information and provides penalties for violations.

Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 555. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 555 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

#### **House Bill No. 560 by Representative Ivey**

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 560, which provides for limitations and prohibitions on the collection and sharing of student information and provides penalties for violations.

Representative Henry offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 560. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 560 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

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

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
House Committee on Education