

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2014 Regular Session  
May 21, 2014

### **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 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 Barry Ivey  
Representative Nancy Landry  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith  
Representative Jeff R. Thompson  
Representative Alfred C. Williams

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Cameron Henry  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Jerome Richard

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth L. Borné, Committee Legislative Analyst  
Nancy Y. Jolly, Committee Legislative Analyst  
Jacqueline Snowden, Committee Secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Beverly Vincent, Sergeant at Arms  
Riley Thomas, Sergeant at Arms  
Alyssa Perot-Heltz, Clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 358 by Senator Donahue**

Senator Donahue presented Senate Bill No. 358, which provides relative to the Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act to provide that certain high level autonomies relative to procurement apply to certain institutions under a shared service model.

Providing information on Senate Bill No. 358 was Mr. Jason Droddy, representing Louisiana State University (no address given).

Persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 358 but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit A.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 358 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 358 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Champagne, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 622 by Senator Appel**

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 622, which requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide educational technology plan for public elementary and secondary schools.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 622 that would provide as follows:

1. Requires technology plans to identify and use all available Internet bandwidth assets that are provided through a request for proposal process instead of assets including the Board of Regents' Louisiana Optical Network Initiative.
2. Requires policies and procedures to allow schools to access available Internet assets provided through a request for proposal process instead of to allow schools to access the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Champagne, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Smith, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 622 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 622 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 62 by Senator Appel**

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 62, which requires development and use of a common application for state public colleges and universities.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 62 that would provide as follows:

1. Adds requirement that certain factors be considered in developing the implementation plan for the common application.
2. Changes the academic year by which the Louisiana common application shall be fully implemented and available to students to 2016-2017 from 2015-2016.

Representative Carter 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, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 62 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 62 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 98 by Senator Nevers**

Senator Nevers presented Senate Bill No. 98, which provides that a five-point scale shall be used when calculating the grade point average for certain honors courses and talented courses.

Representative Edwards offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 98 that would provide as follows:

1. Grants present law authority to define skill or occupational training for which an eligible student may use a TOPS award to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOFSA) instead of to the Board of Regents.
2. Specifically includes AP and IB courses among those for which LOSFA may update names and establish equivalencies.
3. Adds the core curriculum applicable to students graduating from high school in 2017-18 and thereafter as an optional curriculum for TOPS-Tech students.

Representative Edwards 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, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 98 and persons who were available to present information, if requested, but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit B.

Representative Henry Burns offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 98 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 98 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Henry Burns, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 533 by Senator LaFleur**

Senator LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 533, which provides for a local enrollment coordination process for publicly funded early childhood care and education.

Representative Carter offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 533 that would provide as follows:

1. Adds to actions required by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) prior to authorizing local early learning coordinators that the board provide certain information relative to informing families about the availability of Type III licensed early childhood care and education programs, coordinate enrollment, eligibility criteria, and waiting lists, collect family preferences for enrollment, and provide related timelines.
2. In proposed law definition of "local early learning enrollment coordinator", adds that

such coordinator is one that conducts a process for informing families about Type III licensed early childhood care and education programs (in addition to such publicly-funded programs).

3. Relative to funding for local early learning enrollment coordinators, refers to coverage areas identified by BESE instead of geographic boundaries of public school systems; refers to funding streams instead of a state-appropriated funding stream; and adds that Head Start programs shall fund their respective recruitment, selection, and enrollment system mandated by applicable federal laws, regulations, standards, and grant requirements and shall collaborate with local schools and early learning centers to conduct combined recruitment enrollment activities.
4. Adds that proposed law shall not prevent any Head Start grantee or Early Head Start grantee from complying with all applicable federal laws, regulations, standards, and grant requirements.

Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea.

Persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 533 and persons who were available to present information, if requested, but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit C.

Representative Carter offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 533 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 533 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Cortez**

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 172, which provides relative to sick leave for teachers and other school employees.

Ms. Mona Bernard, representing the Lafayette Parish School System, 141 Darden Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 257-0364, explained the bill.

Testifying in support of Senate Bill No. 172 were Ms. Patrice Pujol, superintendent, Ascension Parish School Board, P. O. Box 189, Donaldsonville, LA 70346, (225) 715-4588; and Mr.

Dannie P. Garrett, representing the Louisiana School Boards Association, 263 Third St., Ste. 707, Baton Rouge, LA 70801M (225) 382-0333.

Providing information only was Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 172 but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit D.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 172 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 172 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 312 by Senator Crowe**

On behalf of Senator Crowe, Representative Thompson presented Senate Bill No. 312, which enacts the "Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools".

Mr. Rick Edmonds, representing Louisiana Family Forum (no address given), (318) 617-5930, testified in support of the bill.

Persons who signed witness cards in support of Senate Bill No. 312 but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit E.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 312 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 312 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 366 by Senator Crowe**

On behalf of Senator Crowe, Representative Thompson presented Senate Bill No. 366, which requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop a master plan for K-12 education.

Supporting the bill but not wishing to speak was Ms. Lynn M. Walker, representing Slidell Republican Women, 594 Badon Rd., Slidell, LA 70460, (985) 643-7152.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 366 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 366 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Thompson voted yea.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 by Representative Patrick Williams**

On behalf of Representative Patrick Williams, Representative Thompson presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 114, which requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary

Education (BESE) to adopt a rule relative to student lunch time.

Speaking in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 was Mr. Michael Myers, representing Red River United, 1726 Line Ave., Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 424-4579.

Also supporting House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 was Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Representative Henry Burns offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

### **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95 by Senator Heitmeier**

On behalf of Senator Heitmeier, Representative Burns presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95, which requests the Department of Education to issue a report as to the number of joint-use agreements in place throughout the state and include a plan to promote the use of such agreements.

Persons who were available to present information if requested, but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit F.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

### **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96 by Senator Heitmeier**

On behalf of Senator Heitmeier, Representative Burns presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96, which requests the Department of Health and Hospitals and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit jointly a report to the legislature regarding the availability of water for student consumption at elementary and secondary schools,

Representative Smith offered a set of amendments to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96 that adds the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) as an entity requested to conduct the study.

Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

Persons who were available to present information if requested, but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit G.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 96 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 36 by Senator Brown**

On behalf of Senator Brown, Representative Price presented Senate Bill No. 36, which requires notification to certain elected officials regarding submission and status of certain charter school applications.

Supporting Senate Bill No. 36 was Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 36 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 36 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 31 by Senator Brown**

On behalf of Senator Brown, Representative Price presented Senate Bill No. 31, which requires DOE to report annually specified information regarding the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program to state legislators.



Supporting Senate Bill No. 31 were Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037; and Ms. Debbie Meaux, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 31 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 31 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Price, Reynolds, Smith, and Thompson voted yea.

### **House Resolution No. 140 by Representative Wesley Bishop**

Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Resolution No. 140, which expresses support for the My Brother's Keeper initiative and requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) monitor and submit a report to the legislature relative to the education-related recommendations of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force.

Supporting the resolution was Ms. Debbie Meaux, representing the Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243.

Opposing the resolution was Mr. Gene Mills, representing Louisiana Family Forum, 655 St. Ferdinand, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 344-8533.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 140 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 140 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Reynolds, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 683 by Senator Morrell**

On behalf of Senator Morrell, Representative Bishop presented Senate Bill No. 683, which provides relative to student application and enrollment procedures in the Recovery School District and certain other school systems.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a set of amendments to Senate Bill No. 683 that would provide as follows:

1. Relative to development of time lines and procedures, requires coordination and cooperation with the schools that do not participate in the single application process.

2. Relative to registration process for schools not utilizing the single application, requires completion of the process prior to the parent notification deadline for schools utilizing the application rather than prior to the application deadline for such schools.

Representative Wesley Bishop 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, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Reynolds, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Persons who supported Senate Bill No. 683 and persons who were available to present information if requested, but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit H.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 683 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 683 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Reynolds, Smith, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 173 by Representative Cox**

Representative Cox presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 173, which requests that the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), with the Taylor Foundation, La. Office of Student Financial Assistance, public postsecondary education management boards, and certain others, study certain issues relative to TOPS.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a set of amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 173 that would provide as follows:

1. Instead of including BESE among the entities with which the Board of Regents is requested to collaborate on the study, requests the Board of Regents and BESE to conduct the study (in collaboration with the others) and submit the report to the legislature jointly.
2. Adds the following to the list of collaborators: Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; Louisiana Association of Educators; Louisiana Federation of Teachers; Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana; Louisiana School Boards Association.

Representative Nancy Landry 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, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Jefferson offered a set of amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 173 that adds the parent of a college student selected by the Board of Regents chairman to the list of

collaborators.

Representative Jefferson 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, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a set of amendments to add to the list of collaborators the parent of a high school student selected by the BESE president.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, and Thompson voted yea.

Supporting the resolution were Mr. Steve Monaghan, representing the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 923-1037; and Ms. Brigitte Nieland, representing the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), 3113 Valley Creek Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 928-5788.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 173 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 173 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 by Representative Pierre**

Representative Pierre presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 187, which requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study issues relative to the transportation of students attending charter schools.

Persons who signed witness cards in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit H.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 187 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, and Thompson voted yea.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 by Representative Badon**

On behalf of Representative Badon, Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 96, which requests public postsecondary education institutions offering baccalaureate degrees to develop and promote plans for completion of such degrees in three years.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, and Thompson voted yea.

### **House Resolution No. 123 by Representative Barrow**

Representative Alfred Williams presented House Resolution No. 123 on behalf of Representative Barrow. House Resolution No. 123 requests that the House Committee on Education study issues raised by legislation proposed during the 2014 Regular Session and prior sessions relative to certain school systems.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a set of amendments to House Resolution No. 123 that would limit the study to school systems with 15,000 or more students.

Representative Nancy Landry 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, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

Persons who signed witness cards in support of House Resolution No. 123 but did not wish to speak are included in Exhibit I.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 123 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 123 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Carter, Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Champagne, Edwards, Nancy Landry, Reynolds, Shadoin, Thompson, and Alfred Williams voted yea.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no other business.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman  
House Committee on Education