

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2015 Regular Session
April 21, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stephen F. Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.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 John Bel Edwards
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Nancy Landry
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Edward J. Price
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Robert E. Shadoin
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

Travis Brown, Sergeant at Arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 334 by Representative Wesley Bishop**

Representative Wesley Bishop presented House Bill No. 334, which provides relative to membership of the board of directors for the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered technical amendments to House Bill No. 334. Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to adopt the technical amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 334 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 334 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 705 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 705, which provides for technical corrections to TOPS.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to House Bill No. 705 that provided as follows:

1. Removed certain provisions applicable to students who graduated from high school prior to 2000 from the bill but provided that they remain in effect.
2. Clarifies that a 24-month state residency requirement applies to independent students. In present law the requirement clearly applies to dependent students but its applicability to independent students is ambiguous.
3. Added technical amendments.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

In support of House Bill No. 705 and available to provide information, if requested, was Dr. James A. Caillier, representing Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 589-0490.

Available to provide information only were:

Mr. George Eldredge, general counsel, representing the Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 North 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7295.

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, executive director, representing the Office of Student Financial Assistance, 602 North 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7295.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 705 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 705 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 720 by Representative Adams

Representative Adams presented House Bill No. 720, which authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the Community and Technical College System to enter into contracts with private nonprofit corporations for certain services.

Presenting information was Dr. Monty Sullivan, president, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, 2655 Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 922-1643.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and one in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Henry Burns offered amendments to House Bill No. 720 that would make technical changes. Representative Henry Burns offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to House Bill No. 720 that would add reference to the legislative auditor statute to the requirement that corporations comply with present law. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Henry, Ivey, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report House Bill No. 720 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 720 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 154 by Representative Carter

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 154, which provides for technical corrections to various provisions of Title 17 of the La. Revised Statutes.

Representative Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 154 that made technical changes. Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 154 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 154 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 485 by Representative Henry Burns

Representative Henry Burns presented House Bill No. 485, which provides for the designation of a public postsecondary education institution as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus".

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 485 was Mr. David LaCerte, director, Louisiana Department of Veterans' Affairs, 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-5006.

Representative Carmody offered amendments to House Bill No. 485 that would make technical changes. Representative Carmody offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley

Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Henry, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Speaking in support of the bill was Ms. Stafford Palmieri, representing the governor's office, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-7013.

Speaking in support of the bill was Mr. Michael W. Myers, representing Red River United, 1726 Line Ave., Shreveport, LA 71101, (318) 470-7731.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 485 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 485 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 766 by Representative Adams

Representative Adams presented House Bill No. 766, which provides relative to the operations of public colleges and universities and exemptions from specified regulations.

Ms. Stafford Palmieri, representing the governor's office, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-7013, explained the legislation.

Representative Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 766 that removed a deadline for submitting a request to exercise autonomies to the division of administration and add a deadline for requesting that an autonomy be removed, and added technical changes. Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Providing information was Mr. Daryl Purpera, state legislative auditor, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 339-3839.

Representative Henry offered amendments to House Bill No. 766 that would remove a proposed autonomy authorizing audits by private accountants rather than the legislative auditor. Representative Henry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Reynolds, Richard, and Shadoin voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 766 with amendments, to which Representative Richard objected. A roll call vote was taken and House Bill No. 766 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 1 nay. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Henry, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea. Representative Richard voted nay.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, chairman
House Committee on Education