

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2015 Regular Session
April 22, 2015

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 John Bel Edwards
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Barry Ivey
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:

Representative Cameron Henry
Representative Nancy Landry

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

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 462 by Representative Cox**

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 462, which provides relative to eligibility requirements for receipt of certain TOPS awards and a career diploma.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 462 was Ms. Erin Bendily, representing the Louisiana Department of Education and the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Bldg., 1201 North 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA.

Available to provide information, if requested, was Dr. James Caillier, representing the Taylor Foundation, One Lee Circle, New Orleans, LA.

Available to provide information, if requested, was Dr. Sujuan Bouttê, executive director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 219-7295.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: three in support and one for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 462 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 462 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Ivey, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 181 by Representative Brown

Representative Brown presented House Bill No. 181, which provides relative to student citizenship requirements for TOPS eligibility purposes.

Representative Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 181 that would remove proposed law provisions that would have eliminated present law exceptions to the requirement that Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) recipients be U.S. citizens. Representative Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by

a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Richard offered a motion to report House Bill No. 181 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 181 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 384 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 384, which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to impose additional fees for enrollment in the dental hygiene program, University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Shadoin offered a motion to report House Bill No. 384 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 384 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 152 by Representative Broadwater

Representative Broadwater presented House Bill No. 152, which provides relative to mandatory fees charged to students at public postsecondary education institutions.

Presenting information on behalf of House Bill No. 152 was Dr. Joseph Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education, representing the state Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253.

Presenting information on behalf of House Bill No. 152 was Mr. Roy Martin, representing the state Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4253.

Presenting information on behalf of House Bill No. 152 was Mr. Andrew Mahtook, LSU student body president, 5232 Eastbay Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (337) 278-0197.

Presenting information on behalf of House Bill No. 152 was Dr. F. King Alexander, president, Louisiana State University System, West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to House Bill No. 152 that would limit total tuition and fee amounts based on certain national per full time equivalent student averages and amounts as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics. Representative Broadwater offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 15 in support and two for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 152 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 152 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Hollis, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Richard, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 66 by Representative Carmody

Representative Carmody presented House Bill No. 66, which provides for setting tuition and fees at public postsecondary education institutions.

Representative Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 66 that would remove a requirement that tuition and fee amounts for nonresident students be at least equal to the average amount for such students at peer institutions in other Southern Regional Education Board states. 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 Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Ivey, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 66 that would make technical changes. 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 Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Hollis, Jefferson, Leger, and Reynolds voted yea.

Speaking in support of House Bill No. 66 was Mr. Andrew Mahtook, LSU student body president, 5232 Eastbay Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (337) 278-0197.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support and three for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 66 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 66 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0

nays. Representatives Wesley Bishop, Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Hollis, Ivey, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted yea.

House Bill No. 168 by Representative Carter

Representative Carter presented House Bill No. 168, which provides relative to tuition and fees for postbaccalaureate programs at public colleges and universities.

Representative Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 168 that would limit total tuition and fee amounts and annual adjustments to such amounts based on national per full time equivalent student amounts, as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics, of national peers selected by the institution. 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, Carmody, Edwards, Hall, Ivey, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Smith voted yea.

Presenting information on the bill was Dr. Joseph Rallo, commissioner of higher education, representing the state Board of Regents, Claiborne Bldg., (225) 342-4253.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 15 in support and four for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report House Bill No. 168 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 168 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Ivey, Jefferson, Leger, Price, Reynolds, 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 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, Chairman
House Committee on Education