

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2015 Regular Session  
May 27, 2015

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

Representative Stephen F. Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 8:59 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 Chris Broadwater  
Representative Henry L. Burns  
Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.  
Representative John Bel Edwards  
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall  
Representative Cameron Henry  
Representative Nancy Landry  
Representative Walt Leger, III  
Representative Edward J. Price  
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Robert E. Shadoin  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Paul Hollis  
Representative Barry Ivey  
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

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 283 by Senator Cortez**

Senator Cortez presented Senate Bill No. 283, which provides relative to the content of certain Civics courses.

Speaking in support of Senate Bill No. 283 was Mr. Ray Green, a Lafayette community activist, no address given, Lafayette, LA, (337) 981-4255.

Presenting information was Mr. Kyle Ardoin, representing the office of Secretary of State Tom Schedler, 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 276-9109.

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

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 283 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 283 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Shadoin voted yea.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92 by Senator Erdey**

Senator Erdey presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92, which directs BESE and DOE to establish policies and procedures to evaluate bus driver training curricula developed by private providers and certify qualified private providers to deliver required school bus driver training.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 92 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, and Reynolds voted yea.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69 by Senator Long**

Senator Long presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69, which expresses support of Louisiana students to assemble for religious expression and to express their religious beliefs in public elementary and secondary schools and public postsecondary education institutions.

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 54 by Senator Broome**

Senator Broome presented Senate Bill No. 54, which prohibits suspension or expulsion of students in grades prekindergarten through five for certain uniform violations.

Speaking in support of Senate Bill No. 54 was Ms. Jennifer Coco, representing the Southern Poverty Law Center, 1055 St. Charles Ave., Suite 505, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 486-8982.

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

Representative Smith offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 54 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 54 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Henry, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 43 by Senator Appel**

Senator Appel presented Senate Bill No. 43, which provides relative to the adoption of BESE rules and the role of legislative committees and the governor for oversight purposes.

Representative Price offered amendments to Senate Bill No. 43 that would clarify that the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's (BESE) rulemaking requirements apply to actions pursuant to its constitutional and statutory responsibilities. Representative Price offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

Supporting the bill was Ms. Liz Mangham, representing ExxonMobil, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 939-6169.

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

Representative Carmody offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 43 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 43 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 255 by Senator Morrell**

Senator Morrell presented Senate Bill No. 255, which provides relative to sexual assault on college campuses.

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

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 255 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 255 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 28 by Senator Brown**

Senator Brown presented Senate Bill No. 28, which requires public school governing authorities to inform students and parents of the homework assistance services offered through the State Library of Louisiana.

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

Representative Price offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 28 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 28 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Hall, Nancy Landry, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Shadoin, and Smith voted yea.

**Senate Bill No. 132 by Senator Nevers**

Senator Nevers presented Senate Bill No. 132, which provides for the reverse transfer of academic credits and the award of certain credits to veterans and their spouses.

Testifying in support of Senate Bill No. 132 was Mr. David LaCerte, secretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, P. O. Box 94095, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804.

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

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 132 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 132 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Broadwater, Henry Burns, Carmody, Carter, Edwards, Hall, Jefferson, Nancy Landry, Price, Reynolds, 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 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Carter, chairman  
House Committee on Education