

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Regular Session
March 30, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, 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 Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Chris Broadwater
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Jeffrey "Jeff" Hall
Representative Stephanie Hilferty
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Edward J. Price, vice chairman
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative H. Eugene Reynolds

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth L. Borne, legislative analyst
Nancy Y. Jolly, legislative analyst
Jacqueline Snowden, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 97 by Representative Smith**

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 97, which requires posting of the state child abuse hotline number in all public schools..

Representative Smith offered amendments to House Bill No. 97 that, instead of requiring that the state child protection toll-free hotline number be posted on a sign at every public school, require that it be posted on every public school's website.

Representative Smith offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, and Smith voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 97 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 97 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 147 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 147, which requires high schools in certain parishes to keep automated external defibrillators on their premises.

Gerard White, Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association, 303 Hermitage Dr. Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 448-2874, spoke in support of House Bill No. 147.

Jason Z. Hunt, Acadian Ambulance Service, 9213 Interline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 763-1285, spoke in support of House Bill No. 147.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 147 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 147 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 26 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 868 by Representative Hunter

Representative Hunter presented House Bill No. 868, which requires at least two coaches for each sport offered by a public school, including a charter school, to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Representative Bouie offered amendments to House Bill No. 868 that, instead of requiring public school governing authorities to ensure that at least two members of the coaching staff for each sport are CPR-certified, would authorize them to require that at least one member of such staff have such certification.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Amedee offered amendments to House Bill No. 868 that would change language on page 1, line 10, from "shall ensure" to "may require". Representative Amedee offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 868.

Gerard White, Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association, 303 Hermitage Dr. Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 448-2874, spoke in support of House Bill No. 868.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 868.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 17 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 868 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 868 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

House Bill No. 217 by Representative Hoffmann

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 217, which provides for the granting of educational leadership certification by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Representative Leger offered amendments to House Bill No. 217 that, relative to the eligibility criteria for educational leadership certification, would change the completion of a graduate degree program in education to completion of a graduate degree program; change the holding of a valid Louisiana ancillary teaching certificate to holding a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate and meeting the criteria for an evaluation coordinator in certain specified areas; and add having at least three years of experience working with students in his area of certification.

Representative Leger offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 217 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 217 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 12 in support and 6 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 899 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 899, which provides relative to the allocation of local funds by the Orleans Parish School Board for schools transferred to the Recovery School District.

Representative Leger offered amendments to House Bill No. 899 that, relative to present law conditions to be met in order for the extra withholdings allowed to Orleans to expire, would provide for expiration upon a millage rate reduction rather than 20 tax years from a roll forward millage adoption; and also provide a date certain, June 30, 2030, by which all withholdings shall expire if not expired earlier.

Representative Leger offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 899 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 899 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 339 by Representative Schroder

House Bill No. 339, which abolishes the Health Education Authority of Louisiana, was voluntarily deferred.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 344 by Representative Broadwater

House Bill No. 344, which creates the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Student Advisory Board, was voluntarily deferred.

House Bill No. 656 by Representative Ivey

House Bill No. 656, which requires parents of public school students to reimburse public school boards for certain legal costs, was voluntarily deferred.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support, 27 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 675 by Representative Ivey

House Bill No. 675, which requires parents of public school students to provide proof of domicile, was voluntarily deferred.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, and 9 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: