

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
May 3, 2016

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

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:13 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 H. Eugene Reynolds  
Representative Scott M. Simon  
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

#### **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. 400 by Representative Reynolds**

Representative Reynolds presented House Bill No. 400, which provides relative to the review of textbooks and other instructional materials by the state Dept. of Education.

Representative Reynolds offered amendments to House Bill No. 400 that would provide as follows:

1. Restore present law provisions authorizing DOE to review textbooks at such times as it deems necessary and appropriate and requiring the review of textbooks in core subject areas at least every six years.
2. Add proposed law requirement that DOE conduct reviews in accordance with the state board's schedule of reviews of core state academic content standards, prioritize reviews of textbooks used to teach state academic content standards recently reviewed and revised, and publish a projected review timeline on its website.
3. Remove proposed law prohibition against DOE's textbook reviews in more than one core subject area in a given year and proposed law requirement that reviews in core subject areas be conducted over the course of a six-year cycle.

Representative Reynolds offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Bldg., 1201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 400.

Representative Reynolds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 400 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 400 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 401 by Representative Reynolds**

Representative Reynolds presented House Bill No. 401, which provides relative to instruction in personal financial education.

Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association, 5555 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 214-4837, spoke in support of House Bill No. 401.

Representative Reynolds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 401 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 401 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 392 by Representative Nancy Landry**

Representative Nancy Landry presented House Bill No. 392, which provides relative to the reduction of teacher salaries under certain circumstances.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a substitute bill to House Bill No. 392. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill to House Bill No. 392. Without objection, the motion to adopt the substitute passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Justin Centanni, Lafayette Parish School Board, District 6, P. O. Box 5406, Lafayette, LA 70505, (337) 534-1710, spoke in support of the substitute to House Bill No. 392.

Scott Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7910 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in support of the substitute to House Bill No. 392.

Shane Riddle, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70510, (225) 588-6160, spoke in opposition to the substitute to House Bill No. 392.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to report House Bill No. 392 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 392 was reported by substitute by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 7 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 964 by Representative Smith**

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 964, which provides relative to the treatment and care of students with diabetes.

Sue Catchings, Our Lady of the Lake Health Centers in Schools, 4336 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 635-3123, spoke in support of House Bill No. 964.

Representative Smith offered a motion to report House Bill No. 964 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 964 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, Reynolds, Simon, and Smith voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 165 by Representative Pearson**

House Bill No. 165, which provides relative to extended sick leave granted to teachers, school bus drivers, and other public school employees in certain instances, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 10 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 653 by Representative Bagley**

House Bill No. 653, which requires an evaluator of a teacher or administrator to conduct a post-observation conference with the teacher administrator after a classroom visit, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support, 7 in opposition, and 1 for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 462 by Representative Armes**

House Bill No. 462, which provides relative to sick leave and extended sick leave for school employees, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 479 by Representative Ivey**

House Bill No. 479, which provides relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in opposition and 1 for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 892 by Representative James**

House Bill No. 892, which provides relative to due process for teachers, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support, 3 in opposition, and 1 for information. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 1050 by Representative Nancy Landry**

House Bill No. 1050, which provides, under certain fiscal conditions, for reductions in Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award amounts and for charging students the difference between award and tuition amounts, was on the meeting agenda but did not receive a hearing by the committee.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: