

## **House Committee on Education**

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Regular Session  
May 4, 2016

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

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

#### **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. 892 by Representative James**

House Bill No. 892, which provides relative to due process, was voluntarily deferred by the author.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support, 6 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 1026 by Representative Broadwater**

House Bill No. 1026, which provides for a program through which a student may earn credit toward both high school graduation and postsecondary education, was voluntarily deferred by the author.

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

**House Bill No. 281 by Representative Steve Carter**

Representative Steve Carter presented House Bill No. 281, which authorizes principals and local superintendents to request waivers of laws and regulations from the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Representative Steve Carter offered amendments to House Bill No. 281 that would change who may apply for a waiver from the principal or superintendent to only the superintendent. Representative Steve 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 Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Broadwater offered amendments to House Bill No. 281 that would provide that the superintendent shall notify the governing authority of the school. Representative Broadwater 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, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Kristin Magee, 38267 Jennifer Ct., Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 931-3708, spoke in support of information on House Bill No. 281.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 281.

Michael Faulk, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 10510 Joor Rd., Ste., 300, Central LA 70818, (225) 650-2908, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 281.

Les Landon, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9023 Brookline, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (504) 923-1037, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 281.

Debbie Meaux, president, Louisiana Association of Educators, 8322 One Calais Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 343-9243, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 281.

Belinda Davis, One Community, One School District, 101 LSU Student Union, LSU Box 17370, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, (225) 202-2698, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 281.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 281 with amendments, to which Representative Price objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Hilferty, and Simon voted yea. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Falconer, Hall, Leger, Price, and Reynolds voted nay.

Representative Price offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 281. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 281 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 9 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 543 by Representative Hoffmann**

Representative Hoffmann presented House Bill No. 543, which provides relative to the value-added model used to evaluate teachers and administrators. Representative Hoffmann voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 543.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 4 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a two-minute rule for testimony on remaining bills. Without objection, a two-minute rule was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

*Representative Steve Carter in the chair.*

*Representative Price in the chair.*

### **House Bill No. 880 by Representative Richard**

Representative Richard presented House Bill No. 880, which authorizes the Lafourche Parish School Board to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax.

Emory A. Belton, Jr., Lafourche Parish School Board, 301 Main St., Ste. 2100, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 615-0212, spoke in support of House Bill No. 880.

Representative Amedee offered a motion to report House Bill No. 880 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 880 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

*Representative Nancy Landry in the chair.*

### **House Bill No. 971 by Representative Steve Carter**

Representative Steve Carter presented House Bill No. 971, which provides that certain public college and university athletic programs be required to compete within a geographic area.

Representative Steve Carter offered an amendment to House Bill No. 971 that identifies the affected public college and university athletic programs as those that receive money from the state general fund for their athletic programs. Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Price, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Steve Carter voluntarily deferred House Bill No. 971.

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

### **House Bill No. 1061 by Representative Gary Carter**

Representative Gary Carter presented House Bill No. 1061, which provides for the establishment of a pilot program in Orleans Parish for providing early childhood education.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt a substitute to House Bill No. 1061. Without objection, the substitute was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Steve Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1061 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 1061 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

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

### **House Bill No. 833 by Representative Leger**

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 833, which provides relative to student discipline including the creation of the Commission on Safe Supportive Discipline.

Representative Leger offered a motion to adopt a substitute to House Bill No. 833. Without objection, the substitute was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

Representative Price offered amendments to specify applicable statutes. Representative Price 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 Simon voted yea.

Eden Heilman, Southern Poverty Law Center, 1055 St. Charles Ave., Ste. 505, New Orleans, LA, (504) 486-8982, spoke in support of House Bill No. 833.

Bridgette Wade, National Association of Social Workers, 700 North 10<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 964-1221, spoke in support of House Bill No. 833.

Sarah Vandergriff, no address given, New Orleans, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 833.

John R. Kulakowski, Jefferson Parish Public Schools, 2200 8<sup>th</sup> St., Harvey, LA, (504) 813-2226, spoke in support of House Bill No. 833.

Raymond Allmon, Boys Prep Catalyst, 6534 Ford St., Baton Rouge, LA 70811, (225) 361-9035, spoke in support of House Bill No. 833.

Amber Boykin, president, Louisiana School Psychological Association, P. O. Box 371, Calhoun, LA 71225, (318) 255-8451, provided information.

Kenton Denny, 349 Carriage Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 772-4573, spoke for information only.

Shawn Fleming, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, 626 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only.

Scott M. Richard, Louisiana School Boards Association, 7912 Summa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 278-5398, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 281.

Edward Foster, Livingston Parish Public Schools, P. O. Box 930, Livingston, LA 70754, (225) 686-4210, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 833.

Michael Deshotels, 22505 Fairway View Dr., Zachary, LA 70791, (225) 235-1632, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 833.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 833 by substitute, to which Representative Falconer objected. The secretary called the roll, and House Bill No. 833 was reported by substitute by a vote of 7 yeas, 5 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Hall, Leger, Price, and Reynolds voted yea. Representatives Amedee, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, and Simon voted nay. Representative Nancy Landry abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 28 in support and 7 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Bill No. 1045 by Representative Dustin Miller**

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 1045, which provides relative to teacher pay for hours worked beyond the regular school day.

Brian Blackwell, Louisiana Association of Educators, 2600 CitiPlace Dr., Ste. 525, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 769-2462, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1045.

Carnell Washington, East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers, 11823 Marketplace Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 292-2680, spoke in support of House Bill No. 1045.

Debra Schum, Louisiana Association of Principals, 103 Crawford St., Winnfield, LA, (504) 909-4650, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1045.

Donald Songy, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, 37617 Seven Oaks, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 323-3921, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 1045.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1045 favorably, to which Representative Broadwater objected. The secretary called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 8 nays. Representatives Amedee, Bouie, Hall, and Price voted yea. Representatives Nancy Landry, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hilferty, and Simon voted nay.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 1045. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 1045 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Price, and Simon 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.

*Vice chairman Price in the chair.*

**House Bill No. 989 by Representative Shadoin**

Representative Shadoin presented House Bill No. 989, which provides relative to tuition and fees applicable to nonresident students.

Les Guice, Louisiana Tech University, (318) 257-3785, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 989.

Jason Droddy, Louisiana State University, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 989.

Representative Broadwater offered a motion to report House Bill No. 989 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 989 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Broadwater, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Price, Reynolds, and Simon voted yea.

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

#### **House Bill No. 416 by Representative Jones**

House Bill No. 416, a constitutional amendment which provides for the election of a president of each local public school district and for his appointment, subject to school board approval, of the local superintendent, was voluntarily deferred by the author.

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

#### **House Bill No. 443 by Representative Jones**

House Bill No. 443, which provides for each local public school district to have a president elected by the qualified electors of the district, was voluntarily deferred by the author.

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

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

House Bill No. 1050 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 voluntarily deferred by the author.

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



**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Nancy Landry announced that House Bill No. 416, House Bill No. 443, and a substitute for House Bill No. 1050 would be rescheduled to one of the House Committee on Education meetings scheduled for May 10, 2016, or May 11, 2016.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry  
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: