

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2018 Regular Session
March 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. in Room 1, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman
Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr.
Representative Ken Brass
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 Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Scott M. Simon

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Beverly Vincent, sergeant at arms

Camille Arceneaux, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 48 by Representative Carpenter

Representative Carpenter presented House Bill No. 48, which names the baseball operational center at Southern University in Baton Rouge in honor of Roger Cadour.

Domoine D. Rutledge, P. O. Box 66551, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, (225) 922-5588, spoke in support of House Bill No. 48.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report House Bill No. 48 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 48 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright 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. 74 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 74, which requires public schools to provide information relative to influenza and immunization against the influenza virus.

Representative Hilferty offered amendments to the original bill that would:

1. Expand applicability of proposed law requirements to nonpublic schools.
2. Add requirement that state Department of Education provide information to parents of students enrolled in approved home study programs.

Representative Hilferty 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, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 74 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 74 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright 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. 176 by Representative Leger

Representative Leger presented House Bill No. 176, which requires students who are entering eleventh grade or who are 16 and entering any grade to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry.

Representative Leger offered amendments to the original bill that would specify that satisfactory evidence of current immunization against disease, instead of being in accordance with recommendations of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall be in accordance with a directive from the state Department of Education and Louisiana Department of Health that is based on such recommendations. Representative Leger 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, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Jeri Acosta, 205 Aspen Drive, Raceland, LA 70394, (985) 691-1303, spoke in support of House Bill No. 176.

Commissioner Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Third Floor, State Capitol, (225) 342-7270, spoke in support of House Bill No. 176.

Representative Leger offered a motion to report House Bill No. 176 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 176 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright 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. 183 by Representative Nancy Landry

Representative Nancy Landry presented House Bill No. 183, which re-creates the Department of Education.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 183 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 183 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 294 by Representative Smith

Representative Smith presented House Bill No. 294, which changes references to "at-risk" students to students who are "economically disadvantaged" throughout Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3rd Street, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 294.

Representative Emerson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 294 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 294 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 367 by Representative Pierre

Representative Pierre presented House Bill No. 367, which provides relative to the State Seal of Biliteracy recognizing high school graduates who meet certain academic eligibility criteria relative to language proficiency.

Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1201 North 3rd Street, Claiborne Bldg., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only (no witness card submitted).

Michelle Breaux, state Department of Education, 1201 North 3rd Street, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only (no witness card submitted).

Representative Falconer offered a motion to report House Bill No. 367 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 367 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

House Bill No. 656 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 656, which provides relative to literacy screenings for students.

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

Representative Emerson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 656 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 656 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedee, Bouie, Brass, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Hall, Hilferty, Leger, Smith, Thomas, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. 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 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: