

House Committee on Education

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 15, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Nancy Landry, chairman of the House Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.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 Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman
Representative Stephen F. Carter
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Julie Emerson
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Kendricks "Ken" Brass
Representative Stephanie Hilferty

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

Representative Nancy Landry introduced interpreters for the hearing impaired.

Vice Chairman Gary M. Carter, Jr., in the chair.

House Bill No. 443 by Representative Nancy Landry

Representative Nancy Landry presented House Bill No. 443, which provides relative to hazing.

Representative Nancy Landry offered amendments to House Bill No. 443 that:

1. Add that, as a condition of operating at an institution, an organization shall adopt a policy prohibiting hazing, that the hazing prevention policy adopted by the institution is pursuant to present law, and add that the education each organization provides pursuant to present law shall include education relative to such policies.
2. Remove present law and proposed law relative to the authority of a national parent organization to investigate a report of alleged hazing prior to reporting to law enforcement.

Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 443 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 443 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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.

Chairman Nancy Landry in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 151 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 151, which transfers the Louisiana Special Education Center from the Special School District to the Louisiana Department of Health and renames the center.

Representative Nancy Landry offered technical amendments to Senate Bill No. 151. Representative Nancy Landry offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Nancy Landry, Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Kristy Flynn, executive director, Louisiana Special Education Center, 5400 Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 623-8821, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 151.

Cherie Bartell, director of health services, Louisiana Special Education Center, 5400 Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, LA 71303, (337) 344-5700, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 151.

Richard Bushnell, 195 Rand Road, Woodworth, LA 71785, (318) 792-5454, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 151.

Shan Davis, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-0487, spoke for information only on behalf of Dr. Gary Jones, BESE president.

Vice Chairman Gary M. Carter, Jr., in the chair.

Representative Bouie offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 151 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 151 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75, which requests the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of establishing a law school in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Representative Edmonds offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 78 by Senator Martiny

Representative Simon, on behalf of Senator Martiny, presented Senate Bill No. 78, which provides relative to behavioral health services provided to students.

Ryan Templet, LCAAS and LABAA, 218 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 344-1177, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 78.

Michele Lappin, no address given, (985) 373-5529, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 78.

Corhonda Corley, 8815 Wilmore Drive, Zachary, LA 70791, (225) 654-0671, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 78.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 78 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 78 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 43 by Senator Appel

Representative Thomas, on behalf of Senator Appel, presented Senate Bill No. 43, which provides for student input in the annual review of high school crisis management and response plans.

Andrew Gary, member, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, 2837 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, LA, (504) 269-2330, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 43.

Spencer Heitman, member, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, 18297 Creek Hollow Road, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 328-6460, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 43.

Laura Peters, member, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, 1710 Dogwood Drive, Jena, LA 71342, (318) 992-1950, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 43.

Eugenia Williams, member, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, P.O. Box 28, Grand Coteau, LA 70541, (337) 787-2769, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 43.

John Garrett Patrick, member, Legislative Youth Advisory Council, 1003 Guillory Street, Vidalia, LA 71373, (318) 719-9456, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 43.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 43 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 43 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Falconer, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 266 by Representative Emerson

Representative Emerson presented House Bill No. 266, which provides relative to remediation programs and requirements for pupil progression.

Dr. Erin Bendily, state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in support of House Bill No. 266.

Representative Emerson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 266 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 266 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Amedée, Bouie, Gary Carter, Steve Carter, Edmonds, Emerson, Leger, Simon, Smith, and Thomas 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

House Bill No. 253 by Representative Nancy Landry

Representative Nancy Landry announced that House Bill No. 253 by Representative Nancy Landry, which requires disclosures by vendors and public school governing authorities relative to the giving and receiving of things of economic value prior to the adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

House Bill No. 338 by Representative Patricia Smith

Representative Nancy Landry announced that House Bill No. 338 by Representative Patricia Smith, which provides relative to bullying and school safety policies of public school governing authorities, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 by Senator Appel

Representative Nancy Landry announced that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42 by Senator Appel, which requests the Board of Regents to create the Work-Based Learning Task Force, had been voluntarily deferred by the author.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nancy Landry
House Committee on Education

Date adopted: