

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 23, 1998 - 4:00 P.M.

State Office Building - Auditorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chairman  
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen  
Rep. Duane Bourdeaux  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Keele Johnson  
Rep. Tammy J. Rowan  
Rep. Richard Siddoway  
Rep. Bill Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Judy Buffmire  
Rep. Susan Koehn  
Rep. Patricia Larson

STAFF PRESENT: J. Wayne Lewis, Research Analyst  
Jean Holyoak, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Rep. Lloyd Frandsen called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m. Upon motion by Rep. David Hogue, the minutes for February 18 and February 20 were approved unanimously.

H.B.145 - SCHOOLS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY - Rep. Brian Allen

Rep. Allen presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute H.B. 145 for Committee approval.

MOTION: Rep. Richard Siddoway made a motion to delete H.B. 145 and accept 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute H.B. 145 in body and title. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Sheryl Allen.

Rep. Allen also presented the following amendments:

Page 2, Line 15: After line 15 insert: "**63A-4-204.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953"

Page 14, Line 7:

After line 7 insert: "Section 19. Section  
**63A-4-204.5.** is enacted to read:

**63A-4-204.5. Charter school participation in  
Risk Management Fund.**

(1) A charter school established under the authority of Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, The Utah Charter Schools Act, may participate in the Risk Management Fund upon the approval of the state risk manager and the governing body of the charter school.

(2) (a) For purposes of administration, the state risk manager shall treat each charter school participating

in the fund as a state agency.

(b) Each charter school participating in the fund shall comply with the provisions of this part that affect

state agencies.

(3) (a) The risk manager shall at least annually:

(i) prepare information summarizing the coverage

provided to school teachers by the Risk Management Fund; and

(ii) provide that information to participating charter

schools.

(b) Each participating charter school shall provide

the coverage information to each school teacher."

**Re-number remaining sections accordingly.**

MOTION: Rep. Tammy Rowan made a motion to accept the amendments as presented by Rep. Allen. The motion passed unanimously. Absent for the vote was Rep. Sheryl Allen.

Rep. Allen, assisted by Dr. Gary Carlsen of the Governor's Office, presented his bill which provides for a three-year program of Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program of Continuous Improvement. The bill also provides for the creation of up to eight charter schools as a component of Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The State Board of Education would provide a chartering process and also be the sponsor of charter schools, although local school boards would be notified of charter schools in their districts. The bill also addresses the method of selection of students and teachers, requirements of charter schools, termination of a charter, and funding as well as incentive awards. Mr. Con Rowley also assisted Rep. Allen. Speaking in favor of the bill were: Steve Laing, USOE; Lynn Davidson, citizen; Pat Rusk, UEA; and Paula Plant, Utah PTA. Speaking against the bill were: Steve Peterson, USBA/USSA; Brent Park, USBA;

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JoEllen Millard, Challenger School; Gayle Ruzika, Eagle Forum; Darlene Robles, Supt., SLC School District; Winston Gleave, Executive Director, USSA; and Ruth Robinson, Eagle Forum.

MOTION: Rep. Rowan made a motion to pass the bill out favorably.

#### SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Rep. Duane Bourdeaux made a substitute motion to hold the bill. The motion failed. Voting against the motion were Reps. Frandsen, Bigelow, Johnson, Rowan, Siddoway and Wright. Absent for the vote was Rep. Hogue.

Rep. Frandsen then called for a vote on the original motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion carried. Voting against the motion were Reps. Bigelow, Bourdeaux, Hogue, and Johnson.

#### H.B. 106 - TRUANCY PREVENTION APPROPRIATION - Rep. Jeff Alexander

Rep. Alexander presented his bill which appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the State Board of Education for grants to districts to establish a truancy support center. Speaking in favor of the bill were: Judy Larsen, USBA; Susan Kuziak, UEA; and Juniel Lyon, Utah PTA.

MOTION: Rep. Rowan made a motion to amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, Line 6:	Delete "GENERAL" and insert "UNIFORM SCHOOL"
Page 1, Line 12:	After "the" delete "General" and insert " <u>Uniform School</u> "

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Keele Johnson made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed. Voting against the motion was Rep. Bill Wright.

#### H.B. 139 - SURVEYS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Rep. David Hogue

Rep. Hogue presented his bill which gives a parent access to a copy of questions to be asked of the parent's child in connection with surveys or tests in the public schools. This concern is applicable particularly to surveys of tests which cause the child to reveal sensitive information. Speaking in favor of the bill were: Gayle Ruzika, Ruth Robinson and Nancy Lord, Eagle Forum; Speaking against the bill were Susan Kuziak, UEA; Steve Peterson, USSA/USBA and Judy Larsen, USBA.

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MOTION: Rep. Wright made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed.  
Voting against the bill was Rep. Siddoway and Rep. Frandsen.

Upon motion by Rep. Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

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Rep. Lloyd Frandsen, Chair