

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 27, 2009

Room 445, State Capitol Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair  
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion, Vice Chair  
Rep. Laura Black  
Rep. Brad L. Dee  
Rep. Rebecca Edwards  
Rep. Craig A. Frank  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Don L. Ipson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Carl Wimmer

**STAFF PRESENT:** Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, Committee Secretary  
Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel

**Note:** List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

**H.B. 15, Career and Technical Education Amendments**

Rep. Bigelow introduced the bill which modifies provisions relating to career and technical education, including governance structures.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Cynthia Bioteau, President, Salt Lake Community College  
Joel Peterson, Vice President, Salt Lake Community College  
Bill Sederberg, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Tom Bingham, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Utah College of Applied Technology

The following expressed concerns with the bill:

Bradley Stephens, Chairman of the State Electrical Board and Chairman of the  
Construction Services Committee  
Christine Kearl, Education Director, Governor's Office  
Jeff Peterson, Utah Plumbing and Heating Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Holdaway moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee was absent for the vote.

### **H.B. 229, Public School Funding**

**MOTION:** Rep. Last moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee was absent for the vote.

### **H.B. 244, Disruption of School Activities**

Rep. Moss introduced the bill which modifies the Criminal Code regarding the disruption of a school. McKell Withers, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District, explained the purpose of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wheatley moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 14:*

14       ▶     provides that not knowing the property is school property is not a defense; {  
                  **and** }

2. *Page 1, Line 16:*

16     defendant's presence on school property **;** **and**  
                  **▶ provides that this offense is a separate offense from other offenses that involve**  
                  **failure to stop for an officer** .

3. *Page 2, Line 40:*

40     defendant's presence on the school property.  
                  **(5) The offense under this section of evading law enforcement while on school**  
                  **property is a separate offense from a violation of:**  
                  **(a) Section 41-6a-210, regarding failure to respond to an officer's signal to stop;**

or

(b) Section 76-8-305.5, regarding failure to stop at the command of a law enforcement officer.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Frank, Rep. Ipson, and Rep. Wimmer were absent for the vote.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Steve Peterson, Utah School Boards Association and Utah School Superintendents Association

Dave Thomas

Vic Arnold, Utah Education Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Last moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dee, Rep. Frank, and Rep. Ipson were absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Last moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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