

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION  
STANDING COMMITTEE**  
Room 30, House Building  
February 4, 2014

Members Present:           Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair  
                                  Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
                                  Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
                                  Rep. Rich Cunningham  
                                  Rep. Steve Eliason  
                                  Rep. Greg H. Hughes  
                                  Rep. Bradley G. Last  
                                  Rep. David Lifferth  
                                  Rep. Dan McCay  
                                  Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
                                  Rep. Jim Nielson  
                                  Rep. Val Peterson  
                                  Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
                                  Rep. Kraig Powell  
                                  Rep. Dean T. Sanpei  
                                  Rep. Keven Stratton

**Staff Present**               Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst  
                                  Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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

Vice Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

**H.B. 23        Suicide Prevention Revisions (Rep. S. Eliason)**

**MOTION:**   Rep. Eliason moved to amend **H.B. 23** as follows:

*1. Page 1, Lines 14 through 17:*

14           This bill:  
15           ▶   under certain circumstances, allows a school employee ~~{or}~~ agent  
                                  or school resource officer to intervene and ask  
16   a student questions regarding the student's suicidal thoughts, physically self-harming  
                                  behavior,  
17   or thoughts of harming others, for the purposes of:

*2. Page 4, Lines 103 through 111:*

- 103 (7) (a) If a school employee ~~{or}~~ is agent , or school resource officer  
believes a student is at-risk of attempting suicide,  
104 physical self-harming, or harming others, the school employee ~~{or}~~ is  
agent , or school resource officer may intervene and ask a student  
105 questions regarding the student's suicidal thoughts, physically self-harming behavior,  
or thoughts of  
106 harming others for the purposes of:  
107 (i) referring the student to appropriate prevention services; and  
108 (ii) informing the student's parent or legal guardian .  
109 (b) On or before September 1, 2014, a school district or charter school shall develop  
110 and adopt a policy regarding ~~{school employee}~~ intervention measures consistent  
with  
111 Subsection (7)(a) while requiring the minimum degree of intervention to accomplish  
the goals of this section .

The motion passed with Rep. Hughes and Rep. Last absent for the vote.

Rep. Eliason explained **H.B. 23** to the committee, assisted by Dr. Gregory Hudnall, Provo School District.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Taryn Aiken, Utah Chapter, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
Dr. Montell Menlove, State Superintendent, Utah Office of Education  
Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Department of Human Services

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Nielson voting in opposition and Rep. Hughes and Rep. Last absent for the vote.

Chair Gibson assumed the chair.

**H.B. 43 Data Collection on Military Children in Public Schools (Rep. L. Hemingway)**

Rep. Hemingway explained **H.B. 43** to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove  
Mr. Brian Garrett

Mr. Steve Norton, Superintendent, Cache County School District

**MOTION:** Rep. Cunningham moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Poulson and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

**H.B. 45 In-state Tuition for Military Servicemenbers and Veterans (Rep. C. Oda)**

Rep. Oda explained **H.B. 45** to the committee, assisted by Mr. Brian Garrett, Military Affairs Committee.

Ms. Darlene Head, Manager, Veterans Services, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Poulson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 43 Data Collection on Military Children in Public Schools (Rep. L. Hemingway)**

Rep. Hemingway explained **H.B. 43** to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove  
Mr. Brian Garrett  
Mr. Steve Norton, Superintendent, Cache County School District

**MOTION:** Rep. Cunningham moved to move to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Poulson and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

**H.B. 241 School Records Amendments (Rep. G. Froerer)**

Rep. Froerer explained **H.B. 241** to the committee.

Dr. Menlove spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Poulson and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

The following bills were not heard:

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**H.B. 36** Charter School Enrollment Amendments (*Rep. D. Lifferth*)

**H.B. 250** Local School Board Amendments (*Rep. J. Draxler*)

**H.B. 72** Higher Education Grievance Procedure Amendments (*Rep. M. Wheatley*)

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair