

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
Room 30, House Building  
February 18, 2016

**Members Present:** Rep. Brad G. Last, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Kim Coleman  
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

**Members Absent:** Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Eric Hutchings  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Michael E. Noel

**Staff Present:** Ms. Tiffany Stanley, 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 8:15 a.m.

**S.C.R. 6      Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Utah Educational Savings Plan (Sen. E. Vickers) (Rep. J. Stanard)**

Sen. Vickers explained the resolution with the assistance of Ms. Lynne Ward, Executive Director, Utah Educational Savings Plan.

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

**H.B. 301      School Bus Route Grant Program (Rep. J. Stanard)**

Rep. Stanard explained the bill.

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

1. *Page 3, Lines 63 through 74:*

- 63        (a) describes an unsafe route for which the school district intends to receive a grant;  
64        ~~{and}~~  
65        (b) includes a written statement describing why the route is unsafe from: =  
66        (i) the school district;  
67        (ii) local law enforcement; and  
68        (iii) the municipality or county in which the described route is located { } ;  
and  
(c) includes other information as required by the board.  
69        (4) (a) The Transportation Advisory Committee shall:  
70        (i) evaluate a proposal submitted to the board under Subsection (3); and  
71        (ii) make recommendations to the board regarding whether to fund the proposal.  
72        (b) The board shall ~~{award a grant to a school district based~~  
on} consider the recommendations of  
73        the Transportation Advisory Committee **before awarding a grant as described in**  
**Subsection (2)(b)**.  
74        (5) In awarding a grant under this section, the board may not:

2. *Page 3, Lines 81 through 82:*

- 81        (b) make a recommendation to the board regarding whether the board, subject to  
82        legislative appropriations, should renew the grant.  
**(7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking**  
**Act, the board shall make rules to implement the grant program described in this**  
**section.**

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill:

Mr. Tyler Slack, Utah PTA

Spoke against the bill:

Mr. Wayne Reese, Cache and Logan School Districts

Mr. Tom Given, Granite School District

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay absent for the vote.

**H.B. 175 Public Education Employment Amendments (Rep. K. Powell)**

At the request of the sponsor, H.B. 175 was not considered.

**H.B. 289 Charter School Closure Amendments (Rep. S. DiCaro)**

Rep. DiCaro explained the bill with the assistance of Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to replace H.B. 289 with 1st Sub. H.B. 289. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay absent for the vote.

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

1. *Page 3, Lines 57 through 59:*

57 (5) (a) On or before January 1, 2017, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
58 Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall, after  
{consultation with} considering suggestions from  
59 charter school authorizers, make rules establishing requirements, procedures, and  
deadlines for

2. *Page 8, Lines 231 through 233:*

231 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education [may] shall, after  
232 {consultation with} considering suggestions from charter school authorizers,  
make rules that:  
233 (a) provide additional closure [~~requirements upon~~] procedures for charter schools  
[or

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. McCay absent for the vote.

Spoke to the bill:

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Acting State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson, 2nd Vice Chair, State Board of Education

Spoke for the bill:

Mr. Ben Horsley, Granite School District  
Dr. Sara Jones, Utah Education Association

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Coleman absent for the vote.

**H.B. 94      Local Funding Options for Public Education (*Rep. N. Thurston*)**

Rep. Thurston explained the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to replace H.B. 94 with 1st Sub. H.B. 94. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Coleman absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Last moved to delete Section 53A-17a-162 from the bill.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to hold the bill and recommend the topic for interim study.

**PRIVILEGED MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with Rep. Lifferth voting against the motion. Rep. Coleman was absent for the vote. Vice Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

**H.B. 329      Federal Funds Procedures Act Amendments (*Rep. J. Fawson*)**

H.B. 329 was not considered.