

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex

March 6, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Stuart C. Reid, Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Aaron Osmond
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Staff Present: Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Reid called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with President Niederhauser, Sen. Stevenson and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

S.B. 80 Statewide Online Education Amendments (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to replace S.B. 80 with 1st Sub. S.B. 80. The motion passed unanimously with President Niederhauser, Sen. Stevenson and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Sarah Jones, Director of Education Excellence, Utah Education
Association

Spoke for the bill: Judi Clark, Executive Director, Parents for Choice of Education

MOTION: Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Jones voting in opposition and President Niederhauser, Sen. Stevenson and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

1st Sub H.B. 116 School Construction Modifications (*Rep. R. Cunningham*)

Rep. Cunningham explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

2nd Sub. H.B. 286 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (Rep. A. Romero)

Rep. Romero explained the bill to the committee. “radKIDS” packet and “H.B. 286” handout were distributed to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Edward Smart, advocate, radKIDS
Kristin Parry, parent
Ciera Pekarcik, Miss Utah 2013
Holly Todd, counselor, Wasatch School District, Utah School Counselor Association
Preston Jenson, citizen
Jennifer Johnson, citizen
Sarah Jones, Director of Education Excellence, Utah Education Association

Spoke to the bill: Gayle Ruzicka, President, Utah Eagle Forum

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Lines 62 through 71*

House Floor Amendments

2-27-2014:

- 62 ~~{(5) (a) An elementary school student may not be given the instruction described in~~
63 ~~Subsection (4) unless the parent or guardian of the student is:~~
64 ~~(i) notified in advance of the:~~
65 ~~(A) instruction and the content of the instruction; and~~
66 ~~(B) parent or guardian's right to have the student excused from the instruction;~~
67 ~~(ii) given an opportunity to review the instructional materials before the instruction~~
68 ~~occurs; and~~
69 ~~(iii) allowed to be present when the instruction is delivered.~~
70 ~~(b) Upon the written request of the parent or guardian of an elementary school student,~~
71 ~~the student shall be excused from the instruction described in Subsection (4). }~~
(5) (a) A school district or charter school that chooses to provide the instruction described in
Subsection
(4) to an elementary school student shall provide a consent form to a parent or guardian of the
elementary school student that:

(i) includes information regarding the content of the instruction;

(ii) requires a parent or guardian to indicate whether the parent or guardian consents to the instruction by checking either a box marked yes or a box marked no;

(iii) contains a signature line; and

(iv) is on a single, separate page for the sole purpose of obtaining consent regarding the instruction described in Subsection (4).

(b) A school district or charter school may not provide the instruction described in Subsection (4) to an elementary school student unless a parent or guardian of the elementary school student:

(i) returns the signed consent form, with an indication that the parent or guardian has granted consent; and

(ii) is allowed to be present when the instruction is delivered.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Urquhart moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 111 School Building Costs Reporting (*Rep. J. Knotwell*)

Rep. Knotwell explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen, President Niederhauser and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

H.B. 329 Programs for Youth Protection (*Rep. Eliason*)

Rep. Eliason explained the bill to the committee. "Utah Youth Suicide Facts" was distributed to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Holly Todd, counselor, Wasatch School District, Utah School Counselor Association

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with President Niederhauser and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.