

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 30, House Building
February 7, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Steve Eliason
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

Members Absent: Rep. Greg H. Hughes

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 4:06 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Lifferth, Rep. Nielson, Rep. Peterson, Rep. Powell, Rep. Sanpei, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

H.B. 292 School Grading - Calculation of High School Graduation Rate (Rep. R. Menlove)

Rep. Menlove explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke against the bill: Jackie de Gasten, citizen
Peter Cannon, citizen

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to pass the bill out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Nielson moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 3, Line 63: After "four years." insert "The state board shall report the number of students excluded from grading for each school."

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 3, Line 63: After "excluded from" delete "grading" and insert "the four-year adjusted cohort for the graduating class"

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to pass out the bill favorably.

The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 215 Public School Employee Background Checks (Rep. S. Handy)

Rep. Handy explained the bill to the committee, assisted by Rodney Rose, Davis School District.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 15:*

15 school since the date of the initial background check; ~~{and}~~

▶ requires the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Safety to notify an administrator at a school district, charter school, or private school when a new entry is made against an employee or volunteer whose fingerprints are held on file regarding any matters involving an alleged offense against property; and

2. *Page 3, Lines 72 through 77:*

72 (C) any matters involving an alleged alcohol-related offense; ~~{or}~~

73 (D) any matters involving an alleged offense against the person under Title 76,
Chapter

74 5, Offenses Against the Person ~~{-}~~ ; or

(E) any matters involving an alleged offense against property under Title 76, Chapter 6, Offenses Against Property.

75 (iii) The [~~cost of maintaining the separate file shall be paid by the~~] school district,
76 charter school, or private school shall pay the cost of maintaining the separate file
{-from fees
77 charged to [those] applicants, volunteers, and employees submitting fingerprints} .

The motion passed unanimously.

Spoke to the bill: Jackie de Gasten

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to pass out the bill favorably.

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

H.B. 81 Parental Review of Statewide Summative Test Questions (Rep. M. Kennedy)

Rep. Kennedy explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Brad Asay, President, American Federation of Teachers

Spoke for the bill: Tiffany Hess, parent
Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum
Jackie de Gasten
Jason Carmon, father

Spoke against the bill: Sarah Jones, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to adjourn.

H.B. 249 Grants for Digital Textbooks (Rep. J. Anderegg)

The bill was not heard.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously with Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, and Rep. Sanpei absent for the vote. Rep. Snow adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

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