

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 14, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman DeMordaunt, Vice Chairman VanOrden, Representatives Shepherd, Wills, Boyle, Clow, Gestrin, Harris, Mendive, McDonald, Dixon, Kerby, Pence, Kloc, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Robin Nettinga, Idaho Education Association; Kelly Edguitar, Idaho Virtual Academy; Tim Hill, Jeff Church, State Department of Education; Blake Youde, State Board of Education; Harold Ott, Idaho Rural School Administrators; Rob Winslow, Idaho Association of School Administrators; Senator Lori Den Hartog, District 22; Clark Corbin, Education News; Marilyn Whitney, Governor's Office

Chairman DeMordaunt called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Chairman DeMordaunt turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair VanOrden**.

RS 24729: **Rep. DeMordaunt** spoke to **RS 24729**. He said the changes **RS 24729** makes to **RS 24701** are the following:

- A sunset clause of three years is added.
- The adjustment is equal to 75% of the difference between full-term support units and mid-term support units, rather than 50%. It was felt this would be an opportunity to provide more funding to schools experiencing increased enrollment after the first ten weeks.
- The fiscal impact is expected to be \$1,055,418, an increase reflecting the increased calculation number of 75%.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 24729** and recommend it be sent to the Second Reading Calendar.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 24729**.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. DeMordaunt** said nine schools would have received the extra funding in 2014, and eight schools would have received the extra funding in years 2012, 2013, and 2015. Charter schools do not have the same safety net as public schools, and must prove themselves to parents, said Rep. DeMordaunt; although the legislation does help charter schools with increased enrollment.

Rep. Wills said he supported the original motion, as the committee had already heard the legislation in its previous form.

Rep. Clow said he thinks the committee had not had a bill hearing on the previous legislation, and had only heard it in RS form.

Vice Chair VanOrden returned the over gavel to **Chairman DeMordaunt**.

**VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 452aaS: **Blake Youde**, State Board of Education, spoke to the Senate amendments to **H 452**. He said the bill still removes the limit on the number of accumulated sick leave days which can be transferred for state employees who have worked for a state educational entity and transfer to another state educational entity. However, the State Controller's Office requested the language be changed from "state agencies" to "public education entities." On page 4, lines 31-35, a section is added to define "public education entity." Technical corrections are made to reflect this additional definition. The amendments to page 5 change the term used from "state agency" to "public education entity."

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to send **H 452aaS** to the floor with a recommendation the body concur with the Senate amendments. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Kloc** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1330: **Senator Lori Den Hartog** spoke to **S 1330**. She said the bill amends Idaho Code, §33-520, to allow certain students with Type 1 diabetes to possess and use certain medications and supplies during school. Students with Type 1 diabetes should have the right to self monitor and manage their diabetes medication, said Senator Den Hartog. Currently, she said, how schools manage these students and their medications varies greatly by school and classroom. Some students miss critical instruction time, because they are not allowed to keep their medication with them, and must go to the office for testing and to have medicine administered, said Senator Den Hartog. The bill requires school districts to adopt their own policies permitting the self-administration of diabetes medication and blood glucose monitoring by a pupil with diabetes, or to use the model policy created by the State Department of Education. Senator Den Hartog said she anticipates the students who would be impacted by the bill are students in grades six through twelve, who are capable of doing their own testing and medicine administration. This assures schools do not face additional liability to allow students to self manage their diabetes, she added.

In response to questions from the committee, **Senator Den Hartog** said the extent students are allowed to self manage their diabetes varies by school and by what the teacher and administrator are comfortable with.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to send **S 1330** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Laura Keller, American diabetes Association, spoke to **S 1330**. She said Type 1 diabetes is a self-managed disease which requires the use of insulin. She said she is able to test her blood sugar in five seconds, and it takes a total of thirty seconds to test her blood sugar and adjust her insulin pump. Currently, many students with Type 1 diabetes miss a lot of class time, because they are required to test their blood sugar and administer insulin in the nurse's office. It can take fifteen minutes to walk to and from the office, she added.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. VanOrden** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Representative DeMordaunt
Chair

Jenifer Cavaness-Williams
Secretary