

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Minutes of Meeting - February 18, 1975

The sixth meeting of the Committee on Education was held on February 18, 1975 at 1:10 p.m., Room 323

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Richard H. Bryan
Senator Schofield
Senator Blakemore
Senator Foote
Senator Neal
Senator Sheerin
Senator Young

See Exhibit A for others present.

The minutes of the February 17, 1975 were noted for correction by Senator Neal as follows: page 1, last sentence should read "...therefore, the language does not make it mandatory." (Correction indicated by underscore). The minutes of the previous meeting stand corrected.

A.B. 20 - Revises provisions on lower age limits for beginning kindergarten and compulsory education.

Assemblyman Wittenberg commented that the purpose of the bill is to change a conflict in the law regarding when kindergarten and first grade children can go to school. This allows children to start school at the age of six if they will reach the age of six by September 30; allows children to start kindergarten at the age of 5 if they will reach the age of 5 by September 30. Mr. Wittenberg stated that since the second reprint does not really accomplish anything, he would recommend that we should go back to the first reprint. (First reprint attached and marked as Exhibit B; second reprint attached and marked as Exhibit C).

Mr. Ken Hansen advised the members that this bill does not change the compulsory age or lower the attendance age; it is to remove language that is no longer applicable. The bill would not result in a change in policy; therefore, the bill has the support of the Nevada Dept. of Education. This will clean up the language so that they do not have confusion between "attendance" and "enrollment".

Senator Neal questioned why a child could not be admitted if he would be 6 during the first half of the school year. Mr Hansen replied that it was necessary to have a cut-off date unless they have a way of measuring maturity for each individual child.

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Mr. Dick Morgan, N.S.E.A., advised the members that they support this bill and see it as a technical amendment.

Mr. Bob Best, Nev. State School Board Assn., stated that they do like this bill and favor the first reprint. Mr. Best further stated that it changes "attend" to "admitted".

Joyce Woodhouse, teacher from Las Vegas, stated that the maturity problem of a child causes difficulties. Prior to the age limit, she had 5-7 children out of a class of 35 that could not handle the first grade. Now, usually not more than one child per year is not able to handle the first grade.

Senator Schofield commented that if a child were allowed to begin school at an earlier age, it would be the child who would suffer in the long run.

Mr. Dick Wright, Washoe Co. School District, advised the members that they support the bill as it stands.

Senator Schofield moved that this bill be amended to that of the first reprint; seconded by Senator Foote; Senator Neal voted "No"; motion carried.

S.B. 11 - Provides additional exception to rule against employment of related persons within same school district.

The sub-committee comprised of Senators Sheerin, Neal and Foote reported back to the committee with amendments shown in Exhibit D and Exhibit E).

Senator Young felt that this would be getting back into the nepotism situation.

The committee members agreed to hold this bill for further deliberation.

Being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon W. Maher
Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

ROOM # 323
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DATE 2-18-75

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Richard L. Morgan	NSEA	
Dick Wright	WESA	
Bob Best	Nev. State School Boards Assn.	
Ed ...	NSEA + WETA	
Quincy Duncan	Clark County Welfare Rights org.	

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 20

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 20—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

JANUARY 22, 1975.

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions on lower age limits for beginning kindergarten and compulsory education. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 34-242)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public school enrollment; revising provisions concerning the minimum age permissible for kindergarten enrollment; clarifying provisions relating to apportionment of school funds; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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4 school district into kindergarten, elementary, high school and other per-
5 missible departments, and shall employ competent and legally qualified
6 teachers for the instruction of the different departments; provided:
7 1. That such division into departments shall be in accordance with
8 the state courses of study and all rules and regulations of the state depart-
9 ment of education; and
10 2. That there shall be money for all such departments; if not, then
11 the division shall be in the order in which the departments are named in
12 this section, excepting the kindergarten department, which shall not be
13 considered as taking precedence over the elementary or high school
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Amendments to Assembly / Senate
 Bill / Joint Resolution No. 11 (BDR 23-243)
 Proposed by Committee on Education

Amendment No 8013

Consistent with Amendment No. 814.

Amend section 1, page 1, by deleting line 5 and inserting:

"[head of any department] administrator or department head of any school district or of the state, any town,".

Amend section 1, page 1, line 14, after "trustees" by inserting:

", administrators".

Amend section 1, page 1, by deleting line 16 and inserting:



Amendment No. 8014 to Senate Bill No. 11 (BDR 23-243) Page 2

"[all members of] the entire board of trustees and approval by the state department".

Amend the ~~xx~~ title of the bill to read:

"AN ACT relating to public officers and employees; revising provisions on employment of related persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.".

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Amendment N^o 8014

"Consistent with Amendment No. 8013."

Amend section 1, page 2, by deleting lines 14 and 15 and inserting:

- "5. A public employee shall not be terminated from employment solely on the basis that the employee has a relative within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity who is elected to public office or appointed as a department head or in an administrative position after the employee obtained his position.
6. Any person violating any provisions of ~~the~~ this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor."

Amendment No. 2014 to Senate Bill No. 11 (BDR 23-043) Page 2

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