

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

January 27, 1999 Hearing Room B

1:00 p.m. Tape 22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair

Sen. Peter Courtney

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Gary George

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair

Sen. Avel Gordly

Sen. Marylin Shannon

STAFF PRESENT: Jan McComb, Administrator

Karen O'Kelley, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 165 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 22, A		
004	Vice-Chair Castillo	Opens meeting at 1:02 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 165.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING SB 165</u>		
007	Bret West	Deputy Commissioner, Office of Community College Services (OCCS). Testifies in favor of SB 165. Explains that this bill removes the OCCS from the

		Department of Education (DOE).
		<p>Gives the chronology of the legislation that has led to SB 165:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1987, the State Board of Education was directed to create a separate agenda for community colleges at board meetings. Also, the position of Commissioner of Community Colleges was established. • In 1989, there were further amendments to the law which stated that the commissioner was responsible for community college matters. Also, the OCCS was separated out within the DOE. • In 1991, the community college support fund was established. This further clarified that the OCCS had the authority to work with the federal government. The OCCS were no longer employees of the DOE. The sunset clauses were extended to June 30th of 1993. • In 1993, all of the sunset clauses were repealed.
		States that the DOE is supportive of this bill.
047	West	States that the OCCS does not know of anyone who is opposed to this bill.
		<p>Gives three reasons why SB 165 is important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community colleges have really benefited from the increased visibility of having a separate agency status.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community colleges have different issues than K12 schools.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community colleges are a K14 continuum. The OCCS will not lose any coordination of effort because the DOE will continue to be the governing body.
		Summarizes that SB 165 is a continuation of what has been happening over the last 12 years. States that SB 165 clarifies what has been happening in practice already.
083	Vice-Chair Castillo	Closes public hearing on SB 165 and adjourns at 1:11 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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No exhibits were submitted.