

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 24, 1999 Hearing Room B

1:00 p.m. Tapes 39-?

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair

Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair

Sen. Peter Courtney

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Avel Gordly

Sen. Marylin Shannon

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Jan McComb, Administrator

Karen O'Kelley, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Possible introduction of bills: Work Session

SB 39 Public Hearing

SB 487 Public Hearing

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 39, A		
004	Chair Hartung	Calls meeting to order at 1:08 opens public hearing on SB 39.
028	Chair Hartung	Asks if the committee has questions.

		Refers to letter from Sen. Bry (EXHIBIT B). Comments on the wording of
		Recess on SB 39 and move to
	Sen. Gordly	Commented that Rep. Sunseri did an excellent job or
096	Chair Hartung	Work on sub-committee for Education
		Chicago-all success is teacher driven. OEA can help
145	Sen. George	Motive was to reach students.
186	Sen. Courtney	Submits (EXHIBIT E). Refers to statistics from his exhibit.
268		Simplest bill he has ever introduced.
		Some of the alternative education programs might need to be personalized. States that of the 136 students who were expelled.
305	Sen. Gordly	These are kids that are in desperate ñ how does this bill relate to the gov crime prevention strategy
320	Sen. C	Does not believe that it is.
336	Sen. George	States that in the past students had guns but they used them appropriately. What happened.
353	Sen. Courtney	Involved in the gang task force in Salem. A lot of deadly force is gang related. There is not a simple answer.
405	Sen. George	There used to be gangs with a positive influence. Bands, 4H
425	Cour	Gangs today ñ huge distinction
		Understand that we have gangs in Salem more gang deaths here than in Portland. Salem is leading the state.
TAPE 40, A		

011	Sen. Gor	Is proper to bring up gangs..bring in Loni Jackson?? Who can come in and help us understand. We better pay attention and pay the dollars to help these kids
043	Chair	Big problem with children shooting others away from school. Thanks C for bringing the bill before the committee.
055	Duncan	Just with deadly expulsion
059	Cour	Not sureÖneeds to check
071	Sen. Sh	Supports "shall". More than just tv causing kids today to have problems.
088	Sen. George	How come there is not more data
092	Sen. Court	Is ordered by law, there is a lag in accumulating the data. We need to know why kids are being expelled. Superintendent of public instruction to come to the committee and
125	Chair	Schedule a work session at a later time.
	Kathie Osborn	Attorney for juv rights project. They are in favor of the bill. In multo. County, when a student brings a gun to school. Next to impossible to have an adolescent sent to a stateÖfor more than a limited amount of time.
184		Conflict resolution training. Other ways to train and manage. If committee added an amendment. To shall onlyÖ
		Education of getting kids enrolled into alternative
		Studies have shown that Öimprove Öfits nicely into Gov
		Refers to Sen. George Kids today are so violent because nobody has the answer.
	Chair Hartung	
235	Osborn	Non-profit is funded through state court administrator and advocacy function, grants. Currently at 19 attorneys on the defense side.
		Where is office
		Nw Portland

	Chair Hartung	How long
		23 years
		John Gres his book is about
287	Osborn	Agrees that it is closely related
292	Sen. Gordly	Come with ideas about solutions.
304	Jim Green	OSBA. Opposes the bill. The shall was changed to may in 1996? If the same student is bringing a weapon to the alternative school as well, then it puts the other students at risk as well. The concern is an issue of safety. To work on this issue, then do a risk assessment should be counseling. Alternative programs are not secure facilities. And expose staff and students to danger.
365	Courtney	Would you agree that certain programs would need to personalize.
376	Green	Most school districts ÖRefers to student in Redmond where student
389	Cour	Asks if he thinks they should be counseling
401	Sen. Duncan	So many alternative types
	Green	Everything is a budgetary concern
TAPE 39, B		
011	Sen. Duncan	
014	Sen. Duncan	Talking about what is best for the child. OSBA should support this.
	Green	Some member do not haveÖis there a likelihood of a reoccurrence he does not want additional costs to the school district. Look at one is going on at the home.
043		2:09 closes public hearing on SB 39.

046	Sen. Gordly	Committee is struggling with how to define alternative schools.
	Duncan	Use the best judgement to
064	Chair Hartung	Opens public hearing on SB 487
	Sen. Courtney	(EXHIBIT F).
		Refers to A and C. Definite relationship to dropping out of school and crime.
		Lists the reasons that cannot be includedÖif you take away a drivers license think it is very important to young people.
231	Vice-Chair	Other states where this is a law have they seen truancy go down.
247	Sen. Courtney	Cannot answer the question.
254	Vice-	Likes with what he is trying to get out. But would like to know the answer.
264	Sen. Duncan	Would also like to know the answer.
271	Sen. Courtney	Intrigued with the number of states that have similar legislation.
293	Wilma Wells	This has always been a contentious
307	Green	Opposes the bill as it is currently written. Creates burdens on schools districts. If it was not mandated, then he would support the bill. In the bill there are certain things that school districts would be required to do. Some school districts simply do not have the manpower to do it.
351	Gordly	How much paperwork
355	Green	Anymore paperwork is too much of a burden on the system.
378	Gordly	How many already have truancy programs that this could feed into.
389	Green	Can find out how many of these programs there are statewide. Make it a tool but donit require it.
400	Gordly	Bill is an incentive to keep kids in school.

412	Chair	Refers to testimony that he distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Excellent testimony Please read.
TAPE 40, B		
002	Osborn	Does not believe that this is the method to keep kids in school. Usually it is for economic reasons.
		Definition is too vague for definition of reason beyond the student's control.
		Would change bill to have an appeal process so that the student would have another avenue.
056	Kelly Taylor	ODOT. Submits (EXHIBIT G) . This bill creates new requirements for teen drivers under 18 years of age to meet in order to receive an instruction permit or driver license.
		<p>Lists issues to consider about SB 487:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The five-day requirement should be deleted because it will take more than five days to complete the process of issuing and mailing a suspension notice after the notice is received. • May be difficult for students to obtain verification of enrollment when schools are closed for various breaks and during the summer. • The bill does not specify what process the schools will use to notify the
		Impact to the department
		costs
120	Vice-Chair	Asks how they determined the costs
164		Answers Sen. Duncan's question. If you are driving without a license, studies have shown that about 66% of population will continue driving with a suspended license.
186	Sen. Duncan	Asks about

188	Taylor	Is correlation between..not sure about the budget.
201	Duncan	Would like ODOT to talk to some other states.
206	Chair	Asks her to check with sen. courtney
		Closes public hearing and opens work session
218		2:51 adjourned.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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