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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1166

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-15-03

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Minutes:

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Chairman Kelsch opened the hearing on HB1166

(2518) Jerry Coleman, Assistant Director, School Finance and Organization, Department of Public Instruction See Attached Testimony.

Rep. Hawken: Are these new report form? Or are you going to use the one you had?

Coleman: we want to go from paper form to electronic reporting.

Rep. Hawken: Will that be 400 cells?

Coleman: no new information, collecting current information, on-line system, web based. As data is due, the districts will go on line and complete form. This should be more timely and accurate information.

Rep. Mueller What is your rational for cutting the county superintendent out of the loop? Coleman: Currently only 1/2 the counties employ county superintendents now. The system really isn't working that well now and the other is to streamline the reporting process.

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Rep. Sitte Doesn't every county have Superintendent of School.

Coleman: No, they can choose not to employ, they have probably appointed someone to do the duties of the position, It usually talls on the auditor.

Rep. Hunskor: In visiting with the county superintendents, when students move around very often during the school year, One of those school districts may claim that particular student, the numbers are being tweaked. Now if it runs through the county, they see the name and they know the student.

Coleman: That additional check can work for the smaller district, but for the larger ones, they have to many names. As far as the duplicate names, once we collect information in a district, we have some capability to review that type of information.

Rep. Hunskor You are pretty good tab on this?

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Coleman: with the electronic process we are able to do better than what we are currently doing.

Bonnie Johnson, Cass County Coordinator, employed by the Cass County Board of

Commissioners.

(3375) Cass County was instrumental in working through the options with regard to the superintendent schools position in county government. County government didn't need to be in the school business and so cutting out the superintendent of schools as an option for counties was something that took out the middle man in those services. This bill 1166, assists in cutting out further middle man services for county government. And allows the Department of Public Instruction to deal directly with the schools for the exchange of data. Thank you OPPOSITION

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Karen Kautzman, County Superintendent of Schools for Burleigh and Morton Counties and President of the State County Superintendent's Assoc. See Attached Testimony.

(3901) Rep. Williams: If 1/2 don't have county superintendents are they keeping these records and if there are more errors on reports.

Kautzman: They are trusted with the responsibilities, they may have a designee in the office.

Some people doing research say that other counties do not have good records.

Closed hearing on 1166

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES **BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1166** House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 2003

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Minutes: Chairman Kelsch opened committee work on HB 1166

Chairman Kelsch recapped the scope of the bill.

Rep. Williams: In some cases it is kept in the auditors office.

Rep. Hawkens: Several sessions ago there was an effort to remove the position, that is some of the fear now. But in the computer world that this will make it much easier. It is a step that we don't need any more.

Rep. Williams move a DO PASS, Rep. Haas second the motion

Rep. Sitte I will vote for the little people out there where the county superintendent has a role.

Rep. Mueller we are sensitive to what the school people say. No

Chairman Kelsch nothing, the reports are being done, this is a streamline reporting.

Rep. Hunskor Student moving between districts to keep better track of them. If you live in a small area, but there is.

Role call 11-3-0 Rep. Williams will carry the bill on the floor.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) January 28, 2003 3:43 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1166: Education Committee (Rep. R. Keisch, Chairman) recommende DO PASS

(11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1166 was placed on the

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Senate Education Committee

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Hearing Date 03-03-03

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Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

CHAIRMAN FREBORG opened the hearing on HB 1166 which relates to reports made to the county superintendent of schools and the superintendent of public instruction.

Testimony in support of HB 1166:

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JERRY COLEMAN, DPI, presented testimony in support of the bill. (see attached). This bill changed the transportation reporting and the reporting deadlines.

SENATOR FLAKOLL asked why the business manager and the school board would both have to report. MR. COLEMAN replied that by the 15th of June the business manager would have to provide the report to the school board and by the 30th of June, the school board would have to report to DPI.

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Page 2 Senate Education Committee Bill/Resolution Number HB 1166 Hearing Date 03-03-03

SENATOR LEE asked about counties without county superintendents. MR. COLEMAN stated there are 26 districts that don't have superintendents, and most will designate the county auditor as it.

Testimony in opposition to HB 1166:

KAREN KAUTZMANN, County Supt. of Schools for Burleigh and Morton Counties. and President of the State County Superintendent's Assoc., presented prepared testimony. (see attached).

JANELLE BENEDA, Walsh County Supt. of Schools, presented prepared testimony. (see attached.)

SENATOR FLAKOLL asked if there is a user fee for the research the county supt. office does for the public who request information. MS. BENEDA stated no, it is part of their job. LORI DAHL, Business Mgr. for Dakota Prairie School, stated her reports go to the county supt. and it is a checks and balance system. The county supt. also get "read only" reports from her just to double check. The date change is of concern to her. She stated that their school sometimes is not done until the end of May and June 15th is just too soon to file a report.

No further testimony.

The hearing was closed on HB 1166.

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SENATOR COOK would like to research how this bill impacts the county superintendent's job. He will be given time before the committee acts on the bill.

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Hearing Date 3-10-03

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Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order with all members present.

SENATOR COOK explained what his amendment has to do with dates for reports. His amendment removes Pg. 2, line 23, "no later than June 15" which gives the business managers more flexibility in reporting, but still maintains the time frame. "Upon termination of the school year" would replace "on or before June 15" in the rest of the bill. June 30th would still be the date for the school boards to make their report. It takes the June 15th deadline, which is put on the business manager, out of the bill and leaves the June 30th deadline for reporting on the school board.

There was discussion among the committee on the time needed to do the reports and what the amendment does. Does this give business managers more time or not. SENATOR COOK is to copy the amendment and distribute it to the members for consideration

Committee adjourned.

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Hearing Date 3-17-03

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Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order with all members present.

There was discussion on eliminating the county superintendent position and if the bill passes would that happen.

SENATOR FREBORG stated that if the position is not going to be eliminated, then they should not be taken out of the loop in very many areas.

SENATOR CHRISTENSON and COOK both feel a Do Not Pass would be what they would do.

SENATOR FLAKOLL would support the bill with only a date change.

SENATOR FREBORG stated that maybe the committee should go to DPI and explain their concerns and explain that the bill may be killed if the county superintendents are not in the loop. SENATOR CHRISTENSON will talk to DPI and that out if there is a reason to remove the county superintendent. Is DPI trying to streamline their reporting in order to meet the mandates of NCLB, and if in doing so, the county superintendent is removed.

Committee Adjourned.

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Hearing Date 3-24-03

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Minutes: SENATOR FREBORG called the committee to order with all members present. SENATOR CHRISTENSON stated that in visiting with JERRY COLEMAN, DPI, he feels that Senator Cook's amendments are the most appropriate because they adjust the timeline. The county superintendents will still get the report because statute clearly states they must. The amendment just delays the time when they get the report. This will not damage the status of the county superintendents. This is a time issue, not an exclusion issue. The report now goes from the county superintendent to DPI and the bill requires the report to go from DPI to the county superintendent. (see CC chapter 15.1-11-04)

SENATOR COOK would like to talk to Karen Kautzman, President of the County Superintendents. He sees DPI and the county superintendents getting the reports at the same time. SENATOR CHRISTENSON would think if there is an error it would be reported. Committee Adjourned.

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SENATOR COOK had talked with the county superintendents and had addressed his concerns.

SENATOR COOK moved to adopt the amendment (see attached). Seconded by

SENATOR FLAKOLL.

Roll Call Vote: 6 YES. 0 NO. 0 Absent. Amendment Adopted.

SENATOR COOK moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. Seconded by SENATOR

CHRISTENSON.

Roll Call Vote: 6 VES. 0 NO. J Absent. Motion Carried.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HB. 1166

On page 2, line 23, remove "and in no event later than July June fifteenth."

On page 3, line 23, replace "On or before July June fifteenth of each year," with "Upon termination of the school year"

On page 4, line 1, replace "On or before July June fifteenth of each year," with "Upon tennination of the school year"

On page 4, line 11, replace "On or before July June fifteenth of each year," with "Upon termination of the school year"

Renumber accordingly

Comments:

The amendment is intended to give the business manager's more flexibility while still maintaining the June 30 reporting deadline.

Timeframes: June for districts to report

July for DPI to edit and match with assessment data for AYP

First two weeks August to for districts to review

Reports available for parents two weeks before the new school term

JERRY ColeMAN. 8-4051 3-7-2003

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Adopted by the Education Committee March 24, 2003

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1166

- Page 2, line 23, overstrike "and in no event later than", remove "June", and overstrike "fifteenth"
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Date: 3/24/03
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

- HB 1166: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1166 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.
- Page 2, line 23, overstrike "and in no event later than", remove "June", and overstrike "fifteenth"
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TESTIMONY ON HB 1166 HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE 01/15/2003 by Jerry Coleman, DPI

328-4051 **Department of Public Instruction**

Madam Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Jerry Coleman, Assistant Director, School Finance and Organization. I am here to speak in favor of HB 1166.

House Bill 1166 relates to reporting requirements for census, student membership and transportation information to the Department of Public Instruction. Student membership and transportation reporting is done at the conclusion of the school year and is used for distributing the foundation aid appropriation. Census is reported every odd-numbered year and is used to distribute tuition apportionment funding.

The bill changes the following for ADM/Transportaion reporting:

- Changes the responsibility for certifying information
 - o From the county superintendent of schools
 - o To the school board of the district
- Changes the reporting deadlines
 - o From July 15th (business manager) and September 1 (county superintendent)
 - o To June 15th (business manager) and June 30th (school board)

Changes for Census reporting:

- o Removes the requirement to route the report through the county superintendent of schools.
- o Changes the reporting deadline from July 15th to June 30th.

Changes are necessary to streamline electronic reporting and meet the deadline for reporting adequate yearly progress (AYP) as required by No Child Left Behind.

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HOUSE BILL 1166 TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE County Superintendent of Schools Karen Kautzmann January 15, 2003 – Pioneer Room

Chairperson Kelsch and members of the Committee, I'm Karen Kautzmann,

County Superintendent of Schools for Burleigh and Morton Counties and President

of the State County Superintendent's Association. Our association is opposed to

HB1166.

The impact of such legislation is that county superintendents would no longer receive school district census reports. This is significant in that these permanent records are retained by no other entity. Our office is frequently asked to provide birth verification for individuals whose birth certificates are in error or whose records have been lost or destroyed. The permanent school census record assists those seeking a passport or obtaining social security benefits. Those doing genealogical history also value this type of information and have discovered that the county superintendent provides data not available elsewhere. We currently maintain permanent school census records from the 1890's to the present. Our office is in the process of converting much of this information to a CD-ROM format in an effort to preserve historic data in a manner requiring less space. We take this responsibility seriously. It is unclear as to why the state department of education wishes to assume this role. From our association's perspective it is better suited to those at the local level.

Another part of the bill addresses Transportation payment reports. We believe these too, are more appropriately handled by the local county superintendent or

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designee. Should an error occur in the compilation of such reports, it is our belief error is more likely uncovered by someone with closer ties to the local community. The identities of children riding the school bus, and families in the surrounding community are simply more familiar to someone closer to the locale. This makes for more productive and accurate work when processing transportation reports. The county superintendent's office provides the checks and balances needed for the system to function well.

We feel North Dakotans would be better served without the changes advocated in House Bill 1166.

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03/03/2003

by Jerry Coleman, DPI 328-4051

Department of Public Instruction

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 - o To the school board of the district
- Changes the reporting deadlines
 - o From July 15th (business manager) and September 1 (county superintendent)
 - o To June 15th (business manager) and June 30th (school board)

Changes for Census reporting:

- o Removes the requirement to route the report through the county superintendent of schools.
- O Changes the reporting deadline from July 15th to June 30th.

Changes are necessary to streamline electronic reporting and meet the deadline for reporting adequate yearly progress (AYP) as required by No Child Left Behind.

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HOUSE BILL 1166 TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE County Superintendent of Schools Karen Kautzmann March 3, 2003 – Missouri River Room

Senator Freborg and members of the Committee, I'm Karen Kautzmann,

County Superintendent of Schools for Burleigh and Morton Counties and I'resident

of the State County Superintendent's Association. Our association is opposed to

HB1166.

The impact of such legislation is that county superintendents would no longer receive school district census reports. This is significant because these records are permanently retained by no other entity. Our office is frequently asked to provide birth verification for individuals whose birth certificates are in error or whose records have been lost or destroyed. The permanent school census record assists those seeking a passport or obtaining social security benefits. Those doing genealogical history also value this type of information and have discovered that the county superintendent provides data not available elsewhere. Burleigh and Morton counties currently maintain permanent school census records from the 1890's to the present. The county superintendent's office is in the process of converting much of this data to a CD-ROM format in an effort to preserve these vital records in a manner requiring less space. We take this responsibility seriously. It is unclear as to what sort of role the state department of education would assume regarding these records. From our association's perspective it is better suited to those at the local level.

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Another part of the bill addresses Transportation Payment Reports. The local county superintendent or designee is the more appropriate recipient of these reports as well. Should an error occur in compiling a transportation report, the mistake is more likely discovered by someone with closer ties to the local community.

Identities of children riding the school bus, and names of families in the surrounding area are simply more familiar to someone closer to the locale. This makes for more productive and accurate processing of transportation reports. The county superintendent's office provides the checks and balances needed for the system to function well.

We feel North Dakotans would be better served without the changes advocated in House Bill 1166.

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE Prepared by Janelle L. Beneda, Walsh County Superintendent of Schools March 3, 2003

CONCERNING HOUSE BILL 1166

Chairperson Freborg and members of the Committee, I am Janelle Beneda, Walsh County Superintendent of Schools. I am in opposition to House Bill 1166 and ask this committee to give it a Do Not Pass recommendation.

I feel this bill will not save the State money, rather it will end up costing the State in the long run. The County Superintendents get requests on a weekly basis to research school census records for proof of school attendance or graduation, proof of age for social security benefits, name verification for passports, and research for someone doing family histories. As Karen Kautzman said, we are the only offices that retain these permanent records. If the State office were to take them over, who would do this research? It is very time consuming and the office would most likely need to hire additional staff to answer such requests.

This bill could also end up costing the State additional funds, as we are losing an important "checks and balances" system in our government. When schools submit their reports to our offices, we go through each one and check for errors, omissions or duplicate records. In each of the school districts in my county last year, I found one or more errors that needed to be corrected on Census, ADM & Transportation reports before they were sent on to the State. If these errors had not been "caught" at the County level, the State would have paid out additional funds to the districts. We can catch such errors at the County level, because we have personal knowledge of the districts, families and students in our areas.

The push for this bill is to increase reporting efficiency. If the reports are submitted with errors, I don't find it to be efficient. I don't find any problem with the schools sending their reports to DPI on-line, as they are doing that now with some of their reports. We simply get a copy of these reports and check them over before the schools send them to the State.

Another problem I see with HB1166 is this, sections of this bill change reporting of a business manager to the County Superintendent to report to their own School Board. We lose all "checks and balances" when a school is reporting its own information to its own board.

Again, I ask for a Do Not Pass recommendation of House Bill 1166, from this committee. Thank You.

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