

February 21, 1986 LB 642

CLERK: 642 is by Senator Scofield. (Read title.) Read in January of last year, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Chairman Vickers of the committee.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, LB 642 deals with student records and how they should be available to not only the members of the public but also other institutions that the student may transfer to. The committee amendments remove the provision of the records being open as a matter of public record on an individual student in private schools. It still leaves it there for public schools but it removes it for private schools and the argument that we heard in the committee from the private school people was that they thought that was a violation of their right as a public school...or as a private school, so we did remove that. The other thing that the committee amendment does is it removes the language that indicated that the files, the school's files or records would be provided at no charge upon request to any school and instead put in a section that indicates that a copy of a public or private school's files or records concerning a student can be provided again at no charge to any other public or private school to which a student transfers so that their records will be available to the school that they are transferring to. I might add that if you noticed the committee statement on LB 642, you will notice that Jim Cunningham, representing the Catholic Conference, opposed the bill. The committee amendments will remove his opposition to the bill. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the amendments? The motion is to adopt the amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the committee amendments for adoption? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Scofield, do you wish to explain the bill further?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, I don't think I need to say very