

**AGENDA**  
**(Revised 2/9/16 @ 11:48AM)**  
**LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON THE BEST PRACTICES FOR SPECIAL**  
**EDUCATION**

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**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 130, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration to Approve Minutes of January 6, 2016 **[EXHIBIT B]**
- C. Current practices for identifying students for special education services and programs in public schools in Arkansas as relates to Autism and Early Intervention ( Matrix Item A)
  - 1. Peggy Schaefer-Whitby, Associate Professor, University of Arkansas
  - 2. Tom Smith, University of Arkansas
- D. Review current practice for screening students for learning disabilities and the services provided for students with learning disabilities ( Matrix Item H)
  - 1. Peggy Schaefer-Whitby
  - 2. Tom Smith
- E. Review availability of support services for SPED programs, students, and families, including without limitation, behavioral health services and social services with an effort made to identify best practices (Matrix Item I)
  - Dr. Bruce Smith, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- F. Peer Mediated Strategies and Peer Support Strategies
  - Dianna Varady, Executive Director, Arkansas Autism Resource and Outreach Center
- G. Review Response to Intervention (RTI) practices in Arkansas, including identifying RTI programs in public schools that are successful and can be identified as best practices (Matrix Item G) **[EXHIBIT G, G-1]**
  - 1. Ms. Renee Jones
  - 2. Dr. Linda Dorn, Director, Center for Literacy, University of Arkansas Little Rock
- H. Task Force Assignment Updates
- I. Other Business
- J. Adjournment

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