

**ACTION SHEET**  
**JOINT MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION**

**ADEQUACY**

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

**1:30 P.M.**

**Room 171, State Capitol**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

Representative Bruce Cozart, the Chair of the House Interim Committee on Education, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Senator Jane English, Chair; Senator Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair; Senator Alan Clark; Senator Blake Johnson; and Senator Eddie Joe Williams.

**MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Representative Bruce Cozart, Chair; Representative Charles L. Armstrong; Representative Nate Bell; Representative Gary Deffenbaugh; Representative Charlotte Vining Douglas; Representative Jon Eubanks; Representative Michael John Gray; Representative Grant Hodges; Representative Greg Leding; Representative Mark Lowery; Representative Mark McElroy; Representative James Ratliff; and Representative John W. Walker.

**OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATTENDANCE:** Senator Cecile Bledsoe; Senator Jonathan Dismang; Senator Joyce Elliott; Senator Scott Flippo; Representative Jim Dotson; Representative R. Trevor Drown; Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson; Representative David Fielding; Representative Vivian Flowers; Representative Ken Henderson; Representative Mary P. “Prissy” Hickerson; Representative David Hillman; Representative Joe Jett; Representative Fredrick J. Love; Representative Julie Mayberry; Representative David Meeks; Representative Stephen Meeks; Representative Micah Neal; Representative Betty Overbey; Representative Laurie Rushing; Representative Sue Scott; Representative James Sturch; Representative Dan Sullivan; and Representative David Whitaker.

**Minutes:**

Without objection, the minutes of September 12, 2016 and September 13, 2016, were approved as written.

**Exhibits:**

Exhibit C1 – 09/12/16 Minutes

Exhibit C2 – 09/13/16 Minutes

**Remarks by the Chair:**

Representative Cozart remarked that a productive work session had been held at 9:00 a.m. that morning in Room 138 of the State Capitol. He said Committee members had an in-depth discussion of various issues related to Adequacy; and noted that members would be adding to that discussion at this afternoon’s meeting.

Discussion of Draft Adequacy Report and Related Issues

Members engaged in a discussion and analysis of recommendations prior to voting on several topics addressed in the Draft Adequacy Report. Contributors provided clarification to topics, as needed.

Contributors to the Discussions:

- Mr. Johnny Key**, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education  
**Mr. Isaac Linam**, Staff Attorney, Bureau of Legislative Research  
**Ms. Nell Smith**, Administrator, Policy Analysis and Research, Bureau of Legislative Research  
**Ms. Stacy Smith**, Assistant Commissioner, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education  
**Ms. Kathryn Walden**, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Bureau of Legislative Research

Relevant Actions:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Made By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Definition of Adequacy</b>	Accept the new definition of Adequacy. (See Attachment A)	Sen. E.J. Williams	Rep. Nate Bell	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>ACTAAP</b>	No change.	Sen. E.J. Williams	Rep. Mark McElroy	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>Curriculum Frameworks</b>	No change except to strike reference to Common Core.	Rep. Mark McElroy	Sen. E.J. Williams	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>ACSIP</b>	No change.	Rep. Mark McElroy	Rep. James Ratliff	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>State's Standing Under No Child Left Behind (ESEA)</b>	No change except to change acronym from ESEA to ESSA.	Sen. Uvalde Lindsey	Rep. James Ratliff	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>Special Education</b>	Increase Catastrophic Special Education Funding by \$10 M for FY18 and \$10 M for FY19	Sen. Uvalde Lindsey	Rep. James Ratliff	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>Student Growth Funding</b>	No change.	Sen. Uvalde Lindsey	Rep. Mark McElroy	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>Declining Enrollment Funding</b>	No change.	Rep. James Ratliff	Rep. Mark McElroy	Prevailed: Voice Vote
<b>Isolated Funding</b>	No change.	Rep. James Ratliff	Rep. Mark McElroy	Prevailed: Voice Vote

Handouts:

- 2016 Adequacy Report Draft, 10/03/16  
2016 Adequacy Work Sheet  
Academic Facilities Master Plan Program – State Plan  
Act 962 of 2015, High-Growth School Districts  
Revisions to Adequacy Definition, 10/03/16  
Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities

Representative Cozart announced this would conclude the topics taken up today. He strongly encouraged Committee members to attend the next work session on Adequacy and the next joint meeting of the Committees scheduled for Monday, October 10.

*Next Scheduled Meetings:*

Monday, October 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 138, State Capitol, Little Rock (*Work Session*)

Monday, October 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 171, State Capitol, Little Rock

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 171, State Capitol, Little Rock

*Adjournment:*

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

*Approved: 10/10/16*

**Attachment A:**

“1. The standards included in the state's curriculum frameworks, which define what all Arkansas students are to be taught, including specific grade level curriculum and a mandatory thirty-eight (38) Carnegie units defined by the Arkansas Standards of Accreditation to be taught at the high school level;

2. The standards included in the state's testing system. The goal is to have all, or all but the most severely disabled, students perform at or above proficiency on these tests; ~~and~~

3. Sufficient education and preparation to enable each student to become career-ready; and

4. Sufficient funding to provide adequate resources as identified by the General Assembly.”