

AGENDA (Corrected 06/08/2015, 4:41 p.m.)
Senate Committee on Education
House Committee on Education
Meeting Jointly

Monday, June 08, 2015
01:30 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair
Sen. Eddie Joe Williams
Sen. Alan Clark
Sen. Bobby J. Pierce
Sen. Jim Hendren
Sen. Eddie Cheatham
Sen. Blake Johnson

Rep. Bruce Cozart, Chair
Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin, Vice Chair
Rep. Greg Leding
Rep. Reginald Murdock
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. Justin T. Harris
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. James Ratliff
Rep. Jeremy Gillam
Rep. John W. Walker

Rep. Nate Bell
Rep. Scott Baltz
Rep. Charlotte V. Douglas
Rep. Mark Lowery
Rep. Mark D. McElroy
Rep. Charles L. Armstrong
Rep. Bill Gossage
Rep. Warwick Sabin
Rep. Grant Hodges
Rep. Michael John Gray

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- A. Call to Order – 1:30 P.M.
 - B. Remarks by the Chairs
 - C. Approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2014 Meetings [**Exhibits C1 and C2**]
 - D. Reports from Members Who Attended Recent Meetings Concerning Public or Higher Education
 - E. Discussion of Interim Meeting Dates for the Committees [**Exhibit E**]
 - F. Update on the Activities of the Governor's Council on Common Core Review
The Honorable Tim Griffin, Lieutenant Governor, State of Arkansas, and Chair, Governor's Council on Common Core Review
 - G. Update on Public School Employee Health Insurance Costs and Rates
Mr. Bob Alexander, Director, Employee Benefits Division (EBD), Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A)
 - H. Update on the Activities of the Arkansas Department of Career Education
Dr. Charisse Childers, Director, Arkansas Department of Career Education
 - I. Update on the Activities of the Arkansas Department of Education
Mr. Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
 - J. Update on the Activities of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Dr. Brett Powell, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

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K. Consideration and Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [Exhibits K1 through K24]

1. Interim Study Proposal 2015-002 by Rep. C. Armstrong, REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE BEST PRACTICES FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE STATE AND IN THE NATION THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN ARKANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS.
2. Interim Study Proposal 2015-003 by Rep. C. Armstrong, REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE BEST PRACTICES FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE STATE AND IN THE NATION THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN ARKANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS.
3. Interim Study Proposal 2015-005 by Rep. Sturch, REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEED FOR AND BENEFIT OF HAVING A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST EMPLOYED IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
4. Interim Study Proposal 2015-009 by Sen. Woods, REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF POSSIBLE STATE REGULATION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IN LIEU OF REGULATION BY THE ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION.
5. Interim Study Proposal 2015-021 by Rep. Sabin, TO ADVANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMONG PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE A COURSE IN PERSONAL FINANCE AS A REQUIREMENT OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
6. Interim Study Proposal 2015-025 by Rep. Davis, TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERSONAL FINANCE COURSE.
7. Interim Study Proposal 2015-028 by Rep. Bentley, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DISCONTINUE THE ADOPTION OF THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
8. Interim Study Proposal 2015-040 by Sen. A. Clark, TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, INCLUDING PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING.
9. Interim Study Proposal 2015-055 by Rep. Tucker, CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARKANSAS P20W EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM; AND TO IMPLEMENT THE ARKANSAS P20W EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM ACT.

10. Interim Study Proposal 2015-067 by Rep. C. Douglas, CONCERNING A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ANTIBULLYING POLICY AND THE RELEASE OF THE NAME OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT HOLDER WHO BULLIED ANOTHER STUDENT THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC ACT OVER SOCIAL MEDIA.
11. Interim Study Proposal 2015-081 by Rep. Lowery, TO ENSURE THAT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF STUDENTS IS PROTECTED.
12. Interim Study Proposal 2015-082 by Rep. Lowery, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY REMEDIATION.
13. Interim Study Proposal 2015-094 by Sen. Elliott, TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
14. Interim Study Proposal 2015-097 by Sen. Rapert, TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR SHE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA.
15. Interim Study Proposal 2015-098 by Sen. A. Clark, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND TESTING.
16. Interim Study Proposal 2015-100 by Sen. Elliott, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING A SYSTEM-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF UNDERSERVED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.
17. Interim Study Proposal 2015-113 by Rep. Dotson, TO PROMOTE THE FREE MARKET COMPETITION OF STUDENT COURSE MATERIALS; AND TO PROHIBIT THE COST OF STUDENT COURSE MATERIALS FROM BEING ADDED TO A STUDENT'S BILLING ACCOUNT.
18. Interim Study Proposal 2015-120 by Rep. C. Douglas, TO REQUIRE A COMPREHENSIVE ONLINE SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED AND INCLUDED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT.
19. Interim Study Proposal 2015-121 by Rep. C. Douglas, TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE UP TO TEN (10) LEGISLATIVE DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR PER SCHOOL DISTRICT.
20. Interim Study Proposal 2015-122 by Rep. C. Douglas, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE TRAINING.
21. Interim Study Proposal 2015-123 by Rep. C. Douglas, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

22. Interim Study Proposal 2015-124 by Rep. C. Douglas, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING LICENSURE.
23. Interim Study Proposal 2015-125 by Rep. C. Douglas, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT ONLY COMPLETE SETS OF STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE A FISCAL IMPACT FOR NEW STANDARDS BEFORE THEY ARE ADOPTED; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
24. Interim Study Proposal 2015-126 by Rep. C. Douglas, AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment