

REVISED AGENDA

House Committee on Education

Thursday, July 12, 2007

10:00 AM

Distance Learning Center, 601 Carnahan Drive
Maumelle, Arkansas

Rep. Mike Kenney, Chair
Rep. Bill Abernathy, Vice Chair
Rep. Benny Petrus
Rep. Jeff Wood
Rep. Sid Rosenbaum
Rep. Betty Pickett
Rep. James Norton
Rep. Janet Johnson
Rep. Tommy Dickinson

Rep. Shirley Walters
Rep. Eric Harris
Rep. Michael Lamoureux
Rep. Curren Everett
Rep. Nancy Duffy Blount
Rep. Mark Martin
Rep. Rick Saunders
Rep. David Rainey
Rep. David Cook
Rep. Eddie Cheatham

Rep. Toni Bradford
Rep. Eddie Cooper, Non-Voting
Rep. Rick Green, Non-Voting
Rep. Eddie Hawkins, Non-Voting
Rep. Tommy Lee Baker, Non-Voting
Rep. Johnnie Roebuck, Non-Voting
Rep. Bobby Pierce, Non-Voting
Rep. Donna Hutchinson, Non-Voting
Rep. Randy Stewart, Non-Voting
Rep. Steven Breedlove, Non-Voting

- A. Call to Order 10:00 a.m.
- B. The Committee Chairpersons respectfully request that members, staff, visitors, and guests please observe proper decorum at all times during legislative committee proceedings. Remember to silence your cell phones, watch for areas designated for "members and staff only," and please keep your personal conversations to a minimum. These common courtesies will expedite our business, and these rules will be enforced.
- C. Approval of the Minutes of May 15, 2007 [**Exhibit C**]
- D. Adoption of Interim Study Proposal 2007-163 by Representative Adcock, **ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE MEALS TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS** [**Exhibit D**]
A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Adcock
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- E. Adoption of Interim Study Proposal 2007-188 by Representative Abernathy, **REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY OF TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE**, and Discussion of Future Committee Actions Concerning Interim Study Proposals Dealing With Public School Employee Health Insurance Issues [**Exhibits E1, E2, and E3**]
A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Abernathy
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- F. Update on the Implementation of Legislation Pertaining to Public Education Enacted by the 86th Arkansas General Assembly
Dr. Ken James, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
- G. Discussion of Issues Pertaining to Distance Learning
1. History of Arkansas Distance Learning

Mr. Jim Boardman, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

2. Overview of Arkansas Distance Learning Infrastructure

Ms. Belinda Kittrell, Program Manager, Technology Initiatives & Resources, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

3. Overview of Resources Available to all School Districts

Mr. Jim Boardman, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

4. Discussion of Role of and ADE Support for Technology Coordinators

Mr. Jim Boardman, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

5. Discussion of Role of and ADE Support for Distance Learning Coordinators

Ms. Dee Cox, Coordinator of Special Programs, Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education

a. Role of State Distance Learning Coordinator

Ms. Cathi Swan, Distance Learning Coordinator, Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative

b. Role in Implementation of Distance Learning Services

Ms. Cathi Swan, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

6. Overview of Distance Learning Providers

Ms. Dee Cox, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

7. Introduction of New Distance Learning Providers

Ms. Dee Cox, Coordinator of Special Programs, Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education

8. Discussion of Arkansas Distance Learning Portal

Ms. Cathi Swan, Distance Learning Coordinator, Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative

9. Discussion of Arkansas Distance Learning Data

Mr. Jim Boardman, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education

Ms. Dee Cox, Coordinator of Special Programs, Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education

Ms. Cathi Swan, Distance Learning Coordinator, Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative

H. Other Business

I. Adjournment