

REVISED AGENDA

Senate Committee on Education

Thursday, July 12, 2007

10:00 AM

Distance Learning Center, 601 Carnahan Drive
Maumelle, Arkansas

Sen. Jim Argue, Chair
Sen. Dave Bisbee, Vice Chair
Sen. Gilbert Baker
Sen. Jimmy Jeffress

Sen. Steve Bryles
Sen. Kim Hendren
Sen. Shane Broadway
Sen. Gene Jeffress

- 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