

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Senate Committee on Education

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

10:00 AM

Room 171, State Capitol

Little Rock, 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.
- 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. Review of the University of Arkansas's Office of Education Policy Report, *Snapshots of Success: Technology Integration in Arkansas Schools* [**Exhibit C**]
Dr. Cheryl Murphy, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, College of Education and Health Professions, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Mr. Brent Riffel, Deputy Director, Office of Education Policy, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- D. Discussion of Issues Related to the Creation of the Joint Adequacy Evaluation Oversight Subcommittee of the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education [**Exhibits D1 and D2**]
Senator Jim Argue, Chair, Senate Interim Committee on Education
Representative Mike Kenney, Chair, House Interim Committee on Education
- E. Adoption of Interim Study Proposals Referred by the 86th General Assembly [**Exhibits E1 through E26**]
1. **2007-002** (Sen. Argue) - TO DETERMINE THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM
 - A. Sponsor Remarks – Senator Argue
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action
 2. **2007-005** (Rep. Pickett) - REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY ON REQUIRING PARITY IN STIPENDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL PAY AMONG CERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Pickett
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 3. 2007-006** (Rep. Walters) - REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CERTIFIED TEACHERS AVAILABLE IN THE JOB MARKET TO MEET SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Walters
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 4. 2007-009** (Rep. Kenney) - REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION REVIEW ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE ALLOWABLE USES OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE TRUST FUND PROCEEDS

 - A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Kenney
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 5. 2007-010** (Rep. Kenney) - REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEEDS FOR STATE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GROWTH IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP, WHAT LEVEL OF FUNDING MAY BE NEEDED, AND ON WHAT BASIS THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE THE FUNDING

 - A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Kenney
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 6. 2007-011** (Rep. Kenney) - REQUESTING A STUDY IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP MORE DETAILED, UNIFORM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FUND BALANCES AND FUND BALANCES FOR CATEGORICAL FUNDING

 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Kenney
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 7. 2007-012** (Rep. Kenney) - REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER FUNDING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATORS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM FOUNDATION FUNDING AND INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATORS FUNDED SEPARATELY THROUGH CATEGORICAL FUNDING

 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Kenney
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 8. 2007-013** (Rep. Kenney) - REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES AMONG ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN ARKANSAS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE PRACTICES STATEWIDE

 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Kenney
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 9. 2007-014** (Rep. Kenney) - REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION STUDY THE IMPACT OF REMOVING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDING FROM FOUNDATION FUNDING AND TRANSFERRING THAT OBLIGATION TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Kenney
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 10. 2007-015** (Rep. Cook) - REQUESTING A STUDY TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM INTO AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

 - A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Cook
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action

- 11. 2007-037** (Rep. Blount) - AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOBILE LEARNING COMMISSION
A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Blount
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 12. 2007-043** (Rep. Cook) - AN ACT TO REQUIRE A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM USING FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS STATEWIDE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM
A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Cook
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 13. 2007-056** (Rep. Rainey) - AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DELTA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Rainey
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 14. 2007-057** (Rep. Rainey) - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS BY HIGH-POVERTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TEACHER SALARIES, RETENTION, AND RECRUITMENT
A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Rainey
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 15. 2007-059** (Rep. Blount) - AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS PROGRAM AS A PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMPONENT OF ALL FEDERALLY-FUNDED ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Blount
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 16. 2007-067** (Rep. Everett) - TO MODIFY THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL RECEIVE TO RETIRE ITS OUTSTANDING BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE
A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Everett
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 17. 2007-110** (Rep. Sumpter) - AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER A ONE-HALF (1/2) COURSE CREDIT PUBLIC SERVICE COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Sumpter
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 18. 2007-112** (Rep. Cook) - REQUESTING A STUDY TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM INTO AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS
A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Cook
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 19. 2007-117** (Sen. J. Jeffress) - AN ACT TO COMPENSATE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS FOR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT
A. Sponsor Remarks – Senator J. Jeffress
B. Committee Discussion and Action
- 20. 2007-131** (Sen. G. Jeffress) - TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH IRLÉN SYNDROME WHEN ADMINISTERING A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT
A. Sponsor Remarks – Senator G. Jeffress
B. Committee Discussion and Action

21. 2007-143 (Sen. J. Jeffress) - AN ACT ALLOWING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUSPEND A SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSE FOR CERTAIN AUDIT ISSUES AND FOR FAILING TO USE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEAL AND HEARING ON THE SUSPENSION

A. Sponsor Remarks – Senator J. Jeffress

B. Committee Discussion and Action

22. 2007-164 (Sen. Broadway) - STUDY OF THE VIABILITY OF REQUIRING ANNUAL HEALTH SCREENS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS UPON SCHOOL REGISTRATION

A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Broadway

B. Committee Discussion and Action

23. 2007-165 (Rep. Blount) - TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INCLUSIVE BIRTH-TO-KINDERGARTEN TEACHING LICENSE IN ARKANSAS

A. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Blount

B. Committee Discussion and Action

24. 2007-166 (Sen. Argue) - TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM

A. Sponsor Remarks – Senator Argue

B. Committee Discussion and Action

25. 2007-168 (Rep. Pickett) - TO DETERMINE HOW BLOCK SCHEDULING IMPACTS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Pickett

B. Committee Discussion and Action

26. 2007-169 (Rep. Chesterfield) - TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING NEEDED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO COMBINE IT WITH THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

A. Sponsor Remarks - Representative Chesterfield

B. Committee Discussion and Action

F. Other Business

G. Adjournment