

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on City, County and Local Affairs, House**  
**Early Childhood Permanent Subcommittee of Education,**  
**House Committee on City, County and Local Affairs, Senate**  
**Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs,**  
**House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental**  
**Affairs, Joint Committee on Public Retirement & Social**  
**Security Programs**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

**09:00 AM**

**Arkansas Northeastern College - 2501 South Division Street**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**

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Rep. David Dunn, Alternate  
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Rep. Allen Kerr, Alternate

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A. Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.

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- B. Welcome and overview of the curriculum and programs at Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) by Dr. Robert Meyers, President, ANC.
- C. Broad summary of GIF Funds, rural grants, and federal stimulus money with a focus on eastern Arkansas.
  - 1. Mr. Butch Calhoun, Executive Director, Arkansas Department of Rural Services
  - 2. Mr. Michael Brown, Legislative Analyst, AR Bureau of Legislative Research
  - 3. Questions by Committee Members
- D. Description of the funding stream for municipalities and a recommended budget process.
  - 1. Mr. Ken Wasson, Arkansas Municipal League
  - 2. Questions by Committee Members
- E. Review of audit requirements for cities, towns, and counties.
  - 1. Ms. Mitzi Ferguson, Legislative Audit
  - 2. Questions by Committee Members
- F. Update of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery and the method students will use to access to the scholarships.
  - 1. Representative Johnnie Roebuck, Member of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee
  - 2. Ms Tara Smith, Scholarship Coordinator, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
  - 3. Questions by Committee Members

**12 noon--1:00 p.m.—BREAK FOR LUNCH AT ANC / RECONVENE AT 1:00 P.M.**

- G. Update of the impact of current Early Childhood Education laws.
  - 1. Representative Nancy Blount, Chair, Early Childhood Education Subcommittee of the House Interim Committee on Education
  - 2. Ms. Tonya Russell, Director, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, Arkansas Department of Human Services and Dr. Dee Cox, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Statewide System of Support, Smart Accountability and Special Programs, Arkansas Department of Education
  - 3. Questions by Committee Members
- H. Current status of the Teacher Retirement Fund and recent changes in retirement rules.
  - 1. Mr. George Hopkins, Arkansas Teacher Retirement Fund
  - 2. Questions by Committee Members
- I. Adjournment