

**TENTATIVE AGENDA (Revised 06/06/2013, 8:00 a.m.)**  
**Senate Committee on Education**  
**House Committee on Education**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Monday, June 10, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

**Room A, MAC**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Johnny Key, Chair  
Sen. Joyce Elliott, Vice Chair  
Sen. Jason Rapert  
Sen. Bruce Holland  
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey  
Sen. Alan Clark  
Sen. Jim Hendren  
Sen. Eddie Cheatham

Rep. James McLean, Chair  
Rep. Ann V. Clemmer, Vice Chair  
Rep. Debra M. Hobbs  
Rep. Les "Skip" Carnine  
Rep. Robert E. Dale  
Rep. Karen S. Hopper  
Rep. Jody Dickinson  
Rep. John Charles Edwards  
Rep. Mark Biviano  
Rep. John Catlett  
Rep. Homer Lenderman  
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh  
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks  
Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin  
Rep. James Ratliff  
Rep. Bruce Cozart

Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas  
Rep. Mark Lowery  
Rep. Charles L. Armstrong  
Rep. Brent Talley  
Rep. Stephen Meeks, Non-Voting  
Rep. Lane Jean, Non-Voting  
Rep. Fredrick J. Love, Non-Voting  
Rep. Reginald Murdock, Non-Voting  
Rep. Justin T. Harris, Non-Voting  
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Non-Voting  
Rep. Andy Mayberry, Non-Voting  
Rep. David Fielding, Non-Voting  
Rep. Harold Copenhaver, Non-Voting  
Rep. Randy Alexander, Non-Voting  
Rep. Chris Richey, Non-Voting  
Rep. Jim Dotson, Non-Voting

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- A. Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.
- B. Remarks by the Co-Chairs
- C. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings [**Exhibits C1 through C7**]
- D. Introduction of Non-Voting Members
- E. Reports from Members Who Attended Recent Meetings Concerning Public or Higher Education
- F. Discussion of Interim Meeting Dates for the Committees [**Exhibit F**]
- G. Update on Scholarship Awards by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE)  
**Mr. Shane Broadway**, Interim Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education (*via call-in*)  
**Mr. Harold Criswell**, Interim Deputy Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- H. Update on Public School Employee Health Insurance Costs and Rates  
**Mr. Jason Lee**, Director, Employee Benefits Division (EBD), Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A)
- I. Preliminary Discussion of Act 107 of 2013, TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF THE READINESS AND CAPABILITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL AT SCHOOL. [**Exhibit I**]  
**The Honorable Linda Chesterfield**, State Senator, District 30

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J. Consideration and Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [**Exhibits J1 through J19**]

1. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 001 by Senator D. Johnson, REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO ENSURE THAT ALL ARKANSAS STUDENTS ARE READING AT GRADE LEVEL BY THE END OF THE THIRD GRADE BY 2020.
2. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 002 by Representative C. Armstrong, REQUESTING THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE BEST PRACTICES FROM 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 2013 – 032 by Representative C. Douglas, AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STUDY CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
4. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 038 by Representative C. Douglas, TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO NEGOTIATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND TO REQUIRE AN INSURANCE CARRIER TO PROVIDE THE LOWEST RATE AVAILABLE.
5. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 039 by Representative C. Douglas, TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SICK LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
6. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 040 by Representative C. Douglas, TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
7. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 045 by Representative Lea, TO AMEND TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS.
8. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 050 by Representative Kizzia, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
9. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 070 by Representative Hammer, TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE USE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH FUNDING FOR REMEDIATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
10. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 077 by Representative Clemmer, TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.
11. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 086 by Representative Dotson, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND REQUIRE THE ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS.

12. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 088 by Representative Bragg, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; AND TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM FOCUSED ON A CAREER PATH THROUGH VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING.

13. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 093 by Representative Hobbs, TO IMPROVE EDUCATION IN THE STATE; TO HELP THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE EXCEL; AND TO TRANSFER THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION.

14. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 104 by Representative Wright, TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO KEEP SCHOOLS SAFE AND SECURE.

15. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 109 by Representative 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.

16. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 114 by Senator Elliott, THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013.

17. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 118 by Senator Key, TO LIMIT STUDENT ATHLETE TRAVEL DURING THE SCHOOL WEEK.

18. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 139 by Representative Alexander, TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

19. Interim Study Proposal 2013 – 140 by Representative Alexander, TO SUSPEND ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATIONS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATIONS AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN SELECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

K. Other Business

L. Adjournment