

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Upon Adjournment of Morning ALC/JBC Budget Hearings
Room B, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: ; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Chair; Brian S. Evans, Vice-Chair; Rick Beck, Ken Bragg, Megan Godfrey, Steve Hollowell, Lee Johnson, Stephen Meeks, Nelda Speaks and DeAnn Vaught

Other members present: Representative Craig Christiansen, Tippi McCoullough, Johnny Rye and Joy Springer

Representative Cozart called the meeting to order.

Discussion of Adjustments to the Matrix Recommendations:

Representative Vaught made a motion to amend the House Committee's recommendations to "set the target average teacher salary at \$51,822 for purposes of distributing the Enhanced Teacher Salary recommendations".

Representative Vaught made a motion to "Set the Partnership Program funding at Option 5 \$275.00 sq. ft".

Representative Meeks made a motion to "Set the rate of the contribution by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to EBD for public school employee Health Insurance at \$147,254,000 in FY24 and \$152,702,398 in FY25 to reflect the Segal recommendations of adjusting by the medical CPI".

Representative Vaught made a motion to "Set the rate of the contribution by the school districts per participating employee to EBD for public school employee Health Insurance at \$3,667 in FY24 and \$3,802 in FY25 to reflect the Segal recommendations of adjusting by the medical CPI".

Discussion of Options for Facilities Funding Recommendations [Exhibit D]