

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Meeting Jointly
Monday, May 15, 2023
1:30 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Linda Chesterfield, Vice Chair; Joshua Bryant, Jim Dotson, Kim Hammer, Greg Leding, and Matt Stone; Representatives Brian S. Evans, Chair; Keith Brooks, Vice Chair; Rick Beck, Bruce Cozart, Hope Duke, Charlene Fite, Lanny Fite, Vivian Flowers, Denise Garner, Wayne Long, Brit McKenzie, Ron McNair, Stetson Painter, DeAnn Vaught, Steven Walker, and Carlton Wing

Other members present: Senator Alan Clark; Representatives Cameron Cooper, Cindy Crawford, Jon Eubanks, Jack Fortner, Jimmy Gazaway, Austin McCollum, Tippi McCullough, Shad Pearce, Chad Puryear, R. Scott Richardson, Johnny Rye, Joy Springer, Jeff Wardlaw, and David Whitaker

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Review of Subject Matter Areas Covered by Education Committees [Exhibit B]

Senator English reviewed subject matter areas covered by the committee.

Review of Summary of Education Acts Passed in the 2023 Regular Session [Exhibit C]

Representative Evans gave an overview of the exhibit.

Consideration to Approve the November 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit D]

Representative Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative McKenzie, and the motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committees.

Representative Painter made a motion to authorize chairs to approve special expenses incurred by the committee, seconded by Senator Dotson, and the motion carried.

Overview of Adequacy Process and Adequacy Schedule [Exhibits F1-F4]

Julie Holt, Administrator, Policy Analysis and Research, Bureau of Legislative Research, presented the exhibits which included how the funding model works; the legal framework; tracking sheets for statutory requirements; resource allocation; teacher salaries; and economic indicators. She also introduced and explained the role of staff and took questions from the committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.