

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Meeting Jointly
Monday, April 4, 2022
9:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Charles Beckham, Linda Chesterfield, Jane English and Greg Leding; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Chair; Brian S. Evans, Vice-Chair; Rick Beck, Ken Bragg, Karilyn Brown, Gary Deffenbaugh, Megan Godfrey, Steve Hollowell, Fredrick Love, Mark Lowery, Gayla McKenzie, Stephen Meeks, Stu Smith, Nelda Speaks and DeAnn Vaught

Other members present: Senators Scott Flippo, Trent Garner and Kim Hammer; Representatives Cameron Cooper, Vivian Flowers, Denise Garner, Tippi McCullough, David Ray, Keith Slape, Joy Springer and Danny Watson

Senator Irvin called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for the February 7, 2022, February 8, 2022, and February 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes [EXHIBITS C1-C3]

Representative Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Love, and without objection, the motion carried.

Recommendation Regarding Adequacy Funding Health Insurance Adjustment

Mr. Johnny Key, Secretary, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and Mr. Greg Rogers, Chief Financial Officer, DESE, presented the recommendation to approve an increase of \$64 to the per-pupil foundation funding amount for the 2022-2023 school year. Resulting in each school district contributing a total of \$300 per month per participating employee for public school employees' health insurance beginning January 1, 2023. Mr. Key requested amount be adopted as an addendum to the 2020 Adequacy Study to be sent to the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in order to accomplish the purposes of continuing the adequacy evaluation required by Arkansas Code § 10-3-2104 and in accordance with Act 111 of 2022.

Representative Cozart made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Representative Love, and without objection, the motion carried.

K-12 Public Education Expenditures (Continued from the February 8, 2022, Meeting) [HANDOUTS F1-F2]

Ms. Julie Holt, Administrator, Policy Analysis and Research, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR); Ms. Adrienne Beck, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research, BLR; Ms. Elizabeth Bynum, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research, BLR; and Ms. Jasmine Ray, Legislative Analyst, Policy Analysis and Research, BLR; presented the adequacy report on "K-12 Facilities Funding and Expenditures."

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.