

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Senate Committee on Education

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

01:30 PM

Room 171, State Capitol

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jim Argue, Chair
Sen. Dave Bisbee, Vice Chair
Sen. Gilbert Baker
Sen. Jimmy Jeffress

Sen. Steve Bryles
Sen. Kim Hendren
Sen. Shane Broadway
Sen. Gene Jeffress

- A. Call to Order 1:30 P.M.
- B. Approval of the Minutes of January 8, 2008 [**Exhibits B**]
- C. Update on Federal and State Education Reform Efforts
Mr. Raymond Simon, Deputy Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education
- D. Introduction of and Remarks by the New Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Dr. Jim Purcell, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- E. Discussion of the Activities of the Arkansas Discovery Network
Ms. Diane LaFollette, Network Coordinator, Arkansas Discovery Network
- F. Discussion of Interim Study Proposal 2007-205 by Representative J. Johnson, REQUESTING THE HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION REVIEW THE ADEQUACY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PROVIDED IN THE STATE'S JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS [**Exhibit F**]
1. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Janet Johnson
 2. Committee Discussion
- Mr. Ron Angel**, Director, Division of Youth Services, Arkansas Department of Human Services
Ms. Mary Steele, Local Education Agency Supervisor, Division of Youth Services, Arkansas Department of Human Services
Ms. Valecia Pumphrey, Education Director, Division of Youth Services, Arkansas Department of Human Services
- G. Discussion of Interim Study Proposal 2007-037 by Representative Blount, AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOBILE LEARNING COMMISSION [**Exhibit G**]
1. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Nancy Blount
 2. Committee Discussion
- Mr. Darren S. Spainhour**, Superintendent, Sheridan School District
Mr. Jim Boardman, Assistant Commissioner, Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education
Dr. Charity Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Accountability, Arkansas Department of Education

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- H. Discussion of Interim Study Proposal 2007-059 by Representative Blount, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS PROGRAM AS A PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMPONENT OF ALL FEDERALLY-FUNDED ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
[Exhibit H]
 - 1. Sponsor Remarks – Representative Nancy Blount
 - 2. Committee Discussion**Ms. Barbara Gilkey**, State Director, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters Program (HIPPY)
- I. Other Business
- J. Adjournment