## AGENDA State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program Legislative Task Force

## Tuesday, August 26, 2014 10:00 AM Room A, MAC Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jim Hendren, Chair Sen. Cecile Bledsoe Sen. Linda Chesterfield Sen. Jason Rapert Sen. David J. Sanders Sen. Eddie Cheatham

Rep. Bill Gossage, Vice-Chair Rep. Charlie Collins Rep. Bruce Cozart Rep. Charlene Fite Rep. George B. McGill Rep. Laurie Rushing

- A. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.
- B. Remarks by the Chair and Vice Chair
- C. Approval of the Minutes from the July 15, 2014 Meeting [Exhibit C]
- D. Preliminary Discussion of Long-Term Options for Ensuring the Fiscal and Programmatic Stability of the Arkansas State Employee (ASE) Health Insurance Plan and the Public School Employee (PSE) Health Insurance Plan

Option 1 – Combining Both Plans into a Single Plan

- Overview and Background Mr. Tony Robinson, Administrator, Personnel Review Section, Fiscal Division, Bureau of Legislative Research
- Discussion of Legal Issues
   Ms. Alix Stephens, Staff Attorney, Bureau of Legislative Research
- Discussion of Financial Issues Mr. Bob Alexander, Executive Director, Employee Benefits Division, Department of Finance and Administration
- Discussion of Potential Combination of Retirement Systems Mr. George Hopkins, Executive Director, Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Ms. Gail Stone, Executive Director, Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System
- Comments from Stakeholders
   Dr. Richard Abernathy, Executive Director, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators
   Ms. Brenda Robinson, President, Arkansas Education Association
   Mr. Tom Dooher, Executive Director, Arkansas Education Association
   Mr. Ron Harder, Policy Services and Advocacy Director, Arkansas School Boards Association
   Dr. Michele Ballentine-Linch, Executive Director, Arkansas State Teachers Association
   Mr. Danny James, Executive Director, Arkansas State Employees Association
   Ms. Donna Morey, Executive Director, Arkansas Retired Teachers Association
- E. Discussion of Employee Benefits Division (EBD) Correspondence with School Districts

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- F. Other Business
- G. Adjournment