

REVISED AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 • 2:00 p.m. • Room 30 House Building

- 2:00** **1. Committee Business**
- Call to order
 - Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting
- 2:05** **2. Students at Risk of Academic Failure**
- S.B. 151, enacted in the 2012 General Session, directs the Education Interim Committee to conduct a study of programs to assist students at risk of academic failure, including a study of the Carson Smith Scholarships for Special Needs Students (Carson Smith) program to determine whether funding for the program is sufficient to meet the demand for scholarships. Information will be provided regarding programs and funding targeted to students in Utah public schools who are at risk of academic failure. A representative of the Utah State Office of Education will review data on the Carson Smith program regarding program funding, the number of applications for scholarships, and the number of scholarships awarded annually.*
- Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
 - Connie Steffen, Policy Analyst
 - Glenna Gallo, Director of Special Education, State Office of Education
- 2:40** **3. High Quality Preschool**
- The committee will hear and discuss presentations on high quality preschool as a strategy to address school readiness for at-risk children, including Granite School District's Title 1 preschool program.*
- Sen. Aaron Osmond
 - Mark Innocenti, Director of Research and Evaluation, Center for Persons with Disabilities, Utah State University
 - Brenda S. VanGorder, Director of Preschool Services, Granite School District
- 3:20** **4. Report: UPSTART**
- The committee will hear an annual report on the UPSTART pilot program, which is a home-based educational technology school readiness program.*
- Claudia Miner, UPSTART Program Director, Waterford Institute
- 3:35** **5. Report: School Grading System**
- The State Board of Education is required to study the School Grading System and make recommendations for proposed legislation to the committee.*
- Judy Park, Associate Superintendent, State Office of Education
 - Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
- 3:50** **6. Report: Teacher Quality/Public Education Employment Reform**
- The State Board of Education is required to report annually on teacher quality in the state. The board will also report to the committee on how it is implementing educator and administrator evaluations as required by 2012 General Session S.B. 64, "Public Education Employment Reform."*
- Sydnee Dickson, Director of Teaching and Learning, State Office of Education

4:00 7. Retirement of State Superintendent and Discussion of Replacement Procedures

Recently, Dr. Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced his retirement effective January 1, 2013. The State Board of Education has begun the procedure for selecting his replacement.

- Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

4:15 8. U-PASS Reporting Requirements

The committee will hear from representatives of the State Board of Education regarding meeting the requirements of the school performance report and reporting deadlines under U-PASS.

- Larry Shumway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

4:30 9. Reports

The following statutorily required reports were mailed to committee members for review before the meeting. Representatives from the authoring agencies will be available to discuss the reports or answer questions at committee members' requests.

A. State School Fund

- Office of State Treasurer

B. Foreign Gifts to Higher Education Institutions

- State Board of Regents

C. Use of Capital Outlay Increment Monies

- Jordan School District

D. Technology Transfer

- Division of Purchasing and General Services

E. Proposed Legislation on Public Lands

- Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office

4:45 10. Federal Funds Sequestration

The committee will hear a report on the potential loss of federal funds if the U.S. Congress leaves a plan for sequestration in place.

- Bruce Williams, Associate Superintendent, State Office of Education
- David L. Buhler, Commissioner, State System of Higher Education

5:00 11. Other Items / Adjourn