

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 1:15 p.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ann Millner, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. David E. Lifferth
Rep. Daniel McCay
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Rep. Justin L. Fawson

Staff Present:

Ms. Allyson R. Goldstein, Policy Analyst
Mr. Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rebekah Bradway, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracy Nuttall, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Debra Hale, Legislative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Last called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. Rep. Fawson was excused from the meeting.

Chair Last introduced Mr. Brady, a new policy analyst for the committee.

Chair Last said that the committee will meet on December 19, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to discuss school leadership.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of the September 20 and September 21, 2016, meetings. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Fillmore, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. McCay were absent for the vote.

2. Outline for Recodification of Education Code

Ms. Nuttall described a potential approach to recodifying the education code and responded to question from the committee. She referred to two documents: "Proposed Title, Chapters, Parts, and Sections for Title 53A Recodification and Sections to Review for Possible Repeal" and "Proposed Education Code Recodification."

3. Higher Education Performance Funding (Draft Legislation)

Dr. David L. Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, described the history of higher education performance funding in Utah, referring to a presentation, "Performance Funding – Utah System of Higher Education." He also provided the committee with a memorandum, "2016-17 Performance-

Based Funding Amendments and Allocations," which showed performance funding allocations for each higher education institution for fiscal year 2017.

Mr. Jared Haines, Acting Commissioner of Technical Education, Utah College of Applied Technology, reviewed a proposed performance funding model for applied technology colleges and referred to a handout, "Draft Performance Funding Model [EXAMPLE COLLEGE]."

Sen. Millner reviewed draft legislation "Higher Education Performance Funding," which she said she was introducing for discussion purposes only. She said that the bill would allocate a portion of income tax revenue from certain jobs to higher education performance funding.

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, described the amount of revenue that the draft bill would allocate for higher education performance funding, as well as how the jobs that would provide the revenue were determined.

4. Assessment and Accountability (Draft Legislation)

Sen. Millner said that the committee would be discussing draft legislation "Education Assessment and Accountability Amendments" (2017FL-0624/003), the bill file it had opened in the September 20, 2016, meeting. She asked committee members to provide feedback on the bill before the committee's November meeting.

Ms. Bradway reviewed draft legislation "Education Assessment and Accountability Amendments," including amendments to assessment policy and the timeline associated with the bill.

Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Advisor, Utah State Board of Education, and Dr. Rich Nye, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education, described differences between the school grading system currently in statute and the accountability system in the draft bill. They reviewed a handout, "Comparison of key elements of school grading and proposed accountability system."

Ms. Brittny Cummins, District 6 representative, Utah State Board of Education, addressed the reasons for the proposed timeline in the draft bill.

5. Competency-Based Education (Draft Legislation)

This agenda item was not addressed.

6. Equalization of Per Student Property Tax Revenue Across Districts (Draft Legislation)

Sen. Fillmore reviewed draft legislation "School Funding Amendments" (2017FL-0038/008), which would:

- (1) require certain funds to be set aside to increase the amount of funding for the voted and board local levy guarantee programs;
- (2) amend the number of increments for the voted or board local levy for which the state provides a guarantee; and
- (3) increase the value of the guarantee for each increment.

Sen. Fillmore described the reasons for the bill, referring to a presentation, "The Equity Pupil Unit."

7. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Ipson, Rep. Gibson, Rep. McCay, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Snow were absent for the vote.

Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.