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AGENDA

Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee

The committee chairs have scheduled the following meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, January 6, 2016
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Room 210, Senate Building, State Capitol Complex

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Morning Session

1. 8:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from: November 24, 2015
2. 8:35 a.m. 2015 General Session Follow-up: Intent Language Reports
The subcommittee passed intent language during the 2015 General Session directing the State Board of Education to study three programs: Class Size Reduction, Pupil Transportation, and Concurrent Enrollment. The State Board of Education will report any findings and recommendations.
3. 9:20 a.m. Statutorily Required Reports
Statute requires the State Board of Education to submit several reports to the subcommittee each year. The subcommittee will review each report presented by the State Board of Education and determine which reports should continue and which should be eliminated. Reports include the following: Professional Practices Restricted Subfund (53A-6-105), Concurrent Enrollment (53A-17a-120.5), K-3 Reading Improvement (53A-17a-150), Educator Salary Adjustments (53A-17a-153), Enhancement for Accelerated Students (53A-17a-165), Enhancement for At-Risk Students (53A-17a-166), Title I Schools in Improvement (53A-17a-168), STEM Action Center (63N-12-208).
4. 10:00 a.m. Property Tax Equalization – School District Implementation of S.B. 97 Funding
During the November 24, 2015 meeting, the subcommittee asked for information on how school districts are using increased funding provided through S.B. 97, Property Tax Equalization Amendments passed in the 2015 General Session. Subcommittee members will review school district responses.
5. 10:15 a.m. Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Review – Estimates Compared to Actuals
The subcommittee will review the FY 2015 year-end budgets for the Minimum School Program (MSP) and the state education agencies. This will include final weighted pupil unit and property tax revenues, distribution of programmatic funding, and closing nonlapsing balances in the MSP. For state education agencies, the subcommittee will review revenues and expenditures by line-item including closing nonlapsing balances.
6. 10:45 a.m. Fees
The subcommittee will review any statutorily authorized fees charged by education agencies and evaluate which fees should continue, be altered, or eliminated.

7. 11:00 a.m. Minimum School Program – Oversight of Categorical Programs
The subcommittee will review methods to increase the transparency of certain budgeted items with the MSP categorical programs and the use of programmatic funding for state-level administrative costs.
8. 11:30 a.m. Qualifying for the Regents’ Scholarship
A Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) representative will brief the committee on the Regents’ Scholarship, qualification requirements, and recent media reports about the scholarship program.

Lunch Session

9. 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
Lunch will be provided for members of the subcommittee by students participating in the ProStart culinary arts program. This is an open meeting. The public is welcome to bring or purchase a lunch from the Capitol Cafeteria and dine with the subcommittee.

Afternoon Session

10. 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee Bill – Moving the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
During the November 24, 2015 meeting the subcommittee voted to open a bill file to move the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation from the State Board of Education to the Department of Workforce Services. The Subcommittee will review general bill concepts, discuss potential policy implications, evaluate potential fiscal impacts on the Utah State Office of Education, and determine next steps in the development of this legislation.
11. 1:45 p.m. Digital Learning Software Update
Subcommittee members will hear implementation updates from the Utah State Office of Education on several digital learning software license initiatives implemented in recent years. Program include: Early Intervention Reading Software Licenses, English Language Learner Software Licenses, and the Electronic Reading Assessment Tool.
12. 2:15 p.m. ALEKS Online Math Program
The subcommittee will hear an overview of the math program and see a demonstration of how the program works.
13. 2:45 p.m. 2016 General Session Preview
Subcommittee members will discuss major issues facing the education budget during the upcoming 2016 General Session. Discussion may include student growth estimates, major budget initiatives, budget-related legislation, etc.
14. 3:30 p.m. Adjourn