

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Meeting Jointly
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
9:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Joyce Elliott, Vice-Chair; Linda Chesterfield, Jane English, Colby Fulfer, Greg Leding and James Sturch; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Chair; Brian S. Evans, Vice-Chair, Rick Beck, Ken Bragg, Karilyn Brown, Charlene Fite, Megan Godfrey, Steve Hollowell, Lee Johnson, Fredrick J. Love, John Maddox, Gayla H. McKenzie, Stephen Meeks, Reginald Murdock, Stu Smith, Nelda Speaks and DeAnn Vaught

Other members present: Senators Jonathan Dismang, Trent Garner, Ben Gilmore and Kim Hammer; Representatives Fred Allen, Howard Beaty, Keith Brooks, Cameron Cooper, Marsh Davis, Jim Dotson, Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth Ferguson, Justin Gonzales, Joe Jett, Jack Ladyman, Austin McCollum, Tippi McCullough, Aaron Pilkington, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye and Joy Springer

Representative Cozart called the meeting to order.

Representative Vaught made the motion to accept the House version of the adequacy matrix presented, and to divide voting by chambers. Representative Cozart placed the motion on hold for further discussion.

Representative Cozart recognized Johnny Key, Secretary, Department of Education, and Mr. Robert Branch, Department of Finance and Administration, State Budget Office, were recognized to provide information on adequacy funds.

Representative Johnson made the motion to end discussion on previous motion on the table and move for immediate consideration. Without objection the motion carried.

Representative Vaught reinstated her motion to accept the House version of the adequacy matrix, and to divide the voting by chambers. The motion carried in the House. The motion failed in the Senate.

Representative Godfrey made the motion that the Joint Committees on Education make a recommendation that the 94th General Assembly considers the 2020 Augenblick, Palaich and Associates (APA) recommendation to remove the special education funding from the matrix and instead provide weighted support based on actual special education students served, after looking at other spending models from other states and collaboration with key stakeholders. Representative Meeks seconded the motion and without objections the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.