

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Meeting Jointly
Monday, June 16, 2025
1:30 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Joshua Bryant, Breanne Davis, Jim Dotson; Representatives Keith Brooks, Chair; Brit McKenzie, Vice Chair; Wade Andrews, Sonia Eubanks Barker, Lincoln Barnett, Karilyn Brown, Bruce Cozart, Hope Duke, Tony Furman, Denise Garner, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Julie Mayberry, Jessie McGruder, Stephen Meeks, Jason Nazarenko, Stetson Painter, DeAnn Vaught, and Steven Walker

Other members present: Senator Scott Flipppo; Representatives Fred Allen, Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Denise Ennett, Jon S. Eubanks, Chad Puryear, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, Joy Springer, and Tracy Steele

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committees

Representative Painter moved that the Committees on Education authorize Chairs to approve special expenses incurred by the committees, seconded by Senator Bryant, and the motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the October 7, 2024, and the December 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibits C1-C2]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Discussion of Adequacy Study Requirements and Tracking Sheet, Adequacy Study Recommendations and Worksheet, and the Upcoming Meeting Schedule [Exhibits D1-D3]

Senator English discussed the Adequacy Study report requirements for the 2027-2029 biennium. Additionally, Senator English outlined the potential committee schedule for the 2025-2026 interim, and the potential plans to make site visits to schools in Arkansas.

Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) [Exhibit E]

Representative Brooks moved to adopt Interim Study Proposal (ISP) 2025-040 by Representative Gramlich – An Act to Require Each Public School District and Open-Enrollment Public Charter School to Implement a Mobile Panic Alert System; and for Other Purposes, seconded by Representative Vaught, and the motion carried.

Presentation of College Return on Investment [Exhibit F]

Dr. Ken Warden, Commissioner, Arkansas Division of Higher Education gave a presentation on the return on investment of programs at Arkansas institutions, including the median cumulative salaries earned per year after completion of degree programs.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.