

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Meeting Jointly
Monday, November 3, 2025
2:30 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Breanne Davis, Jim Dotson, and Stephanie Flowers; Representatives Keith Brooks, Chair; Brit McKenzie, Vice Chair; Wade Andrews, Lincoln Barnett, Rick Beck, 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: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Mark Johnson, Fredrick J. Love, and Jamie Scott; Representatives Fred Allen, Glenn Barnes, Stan Berry, Denise Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Steve Hollowell, Tippi McCullough, Jeremiah Moore, Aaron Pilkington, David Ray, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, Tara Shephard, Joy Springer, Dwight Tosh, Jeff Wardlaw, Jeremy Wooldridge

Representative Brooks called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the October 6, 2025, and the October 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes [Exhibits B1-B2]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Consideration for adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) [Exhibit C1-C3]

Representative Brooks moved to batch ISP-2025-085 by Representative Diana Gonzales Worthen – Requesting the House Committee on Education to Conduct a Study Concerning Public School Instructional Aides within the State of Arkansas and ISP-2025-084 by Representative Lincoln Barnett – Requesting that the House Committee on Education Study and Develop a Statewide Program to Reduce Dropout Rates Among Pregnant and Parenting Students in Arkansas, and without object the motion carried.

Senator Flowers moved to adopt the batch ISPs, seconded by Representative Andrews, and the motion carried.

Overview of 2026 Adequacy Study Binders

Adrienne Beck, Legislative Research Lead, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), provided an overview of the binders used during the 2026 Adequacy Study and the current guiding documents.

Overview of Adequacy Study Educator Surveys [Exhibit E]

Lori Bowen, Legislative Research Lead, BLR and Julie Holt, Research and Policy Analysis Administrator, BLR, presented information regarding the Adequacy Study Educator Surveys including information on how the surveys are conducted and results from the Teachers, Principals, and Superintendents Surveys.

Update on the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission's Work on Child Care Assistance

Jacob Oliva, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Education, provided an update on the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission's work on child care assistance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.