

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### Senate Committee on Education House Committee on Education Meeting Jointly

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**Tuesday, August 16, 2011  
01:30 PM  
Room 171, State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Jimmy Jeffress, Chair  
Sen. Mary Anne Salmon, Vice Chair  
Sen. Gilbert Baker  
Sen. Kim Hendren  
Sen. Gene Jeffress  
Sen. Johnny Key  
Sen. Joyce Elliott  
Sen. Bruce Holland

Rep. Eddie L. Cheatham, Chair  
Rep. Johnnie J. Roebuck, Vice Chair  
Rep. Toni Bradford  
Rep. Kathy Webb  
Rep. Bobby J. Pierce  
Rep. Donna Hutchinson  
Rep. Randy Stewart  
Rep. Jerry R. Brown  
Rep. Duncan Baird  
Rep. Tim Summers  
Rep. Debra M. Hobbs  
Rep. Les "Skip" Carnine  
Rep. Robert E. Dale  
Rep. Karen S. Hopper  
Rep. Ann V. Clemmer  
Rep. James McLean

Rep. Jody Dickinson  
Rep. Jane English  
Rep. Tracy Steele  
Rep. Tommy Wren  
Rep. James L. Word, Non-Voting  
Rep. Andrea Lea, Non-Voting  
Rep. Garry L. Smith, Non-Voting  
Rep. Davy Carter, Non-Voting  
Rep. Tiffany Rogers, Non-Voting  
Rep. Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV, Non-Voting  
Rep. John Catlett, Non-Voting  
Rep. Homer Lenderman, Non-Voting  
Rep. Kelley Linck, Non-Voting  
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh, Non-Voting  
Rep. Justin T. Harris, Non-Voting  
Rep. Jeremy Gillam, Non-Voting

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- A. Call to Order – 1:30 P.M.
- B. Remarks by the Co-Chairs
- C. Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2011 [**Exhibit C**]
- D. Discussion of the Process for Conducting the Adequacy Study  
**Mr. Richard Wilson**, Assistant Director for Research Services, Bureau of Legislative Research
- E. Proposed Rule - Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services – Hearing 1-11 and Section V-3-11 on Medicaid [**Exhibits E1 and E2**]
1. **Mr. Jeff Wood**, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Human Services
  2. **Ms. Marilyn Strickland**, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
  3. **Mr. Tony Boaz**, Director, Medicaid in the Schools, Special Education Unit Division of Learning Services, Department of Education
  4. Discussion and Action by the Committees
- F. Consideration and Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [**Exhibits F1 through F18**]
1. Interim Study Proposal 2011-001 by Representative D. Hutchinson, REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE

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RESPONSIBILITY OF A PARENT TO BE INVOLVED IN HIS OR HER CHILD'S EDUCATION, INCLUDING WHETHER THE STATE SHOULD PENALIZE A PARENT FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CHILD'S EDUCATION.

2. Interim Study Proposal 2011-014 by Representative Carnine, TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS REPORTS.

3. Interim Study Proposal 2011-015 by Representative Carnine, CONCERNING SCHOOLS THAT PRIMARILY USE A VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHING METHOD.

4. Interim Study Proposal 2011-016 by Representative Carnine, TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH NORMAL BUDGETARY GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

5. Interim Study Proposal 2011-025 by Senator D. Johnson, TO EXPAND LEARNING TIME FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BY ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OPERATE A TWO-HUNDRED-DAY SCHOOL YEAR.

6. Interim Study Proposal 2011-030 by Representative Mauch, TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM AGE FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN.

7. Interim Study Proposal 2011-047 by Representative Lea, TO AMEND TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS.

8. Interim Study Proposal 2011-070 by Representative Linck, TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED TO SELL, PRESERVE, LEASE, OR DONATE REAL PROPERTY THAT IS NO LONGER UTILIZED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

9. Interim Study Proposal 2011-071 by Representative English, TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, OR EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND ENROLLED IN AN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

10. Interim Study Proposal 2011-083 by Senator Crumbly, TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS MAKE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

11. Interim Study Proposal 2011-117 by Representative Nickels, TO REQUIRE THAT A PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT STUDENT BE COUNTED ONLY ONCE FOR PURPOSES OF STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING OR STUDENT SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS IN HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING.

12. Interim Study Proposal 2011-118 by Representative Mayberry, TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES PROGRAM; TO ASSURE ACCESS TO A COLLEGE AND CAREER COACH FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12).

13. Interim Study Proposal 2011-119 by Representative Stewart, TO REQUIRE FOREIGN LANGUAGE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP.

14. Interim Study Proposal 2011-147 by Representative Pierce, TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS BELOW A SPECIFIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL USE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

15. Interim Study Proposal 2011-154 by Senator E. Williams, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE CHOICE OF HOLDING SCHOOL ELECTIONS ON THE SAME DATE AS GENERAL ELECTIONS OR IN SEPTEMBER; TO AMEND RELATED PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING THE TERM OF SERVICE FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

16. Interim Study Proposal 2011-162 by Representative Harris, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND SPECIAL NEEDS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT VICTIMIZED BY ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE VICTIM'S SAME SCHOOL.

17. Interim Study Proposal 2011-164 by Senator J. Elliott, TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA HAVE THEIR NEEDS MET BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

18. Interim Study Proposal 2011-167 by Senator J. Elliott, TO AMEND § 6-17-2403; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

G. Other Business

H. Adjournment