

LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

2015 INTERIM WORKPLAN TOPICS

Reading Interventions (with LFC)

- “Reads to Lead!” (RTL) funding mechanism
- RTL implementation models
- Study other states’ approaches
- Interface with student assistance team (SAT) process
- Reading Interventionists vs. Reading Coaches
- Developmental Readiness of Students

Training & Experience (T&E) Re-alignment (with LFC)

Transportation Funding (with LFC)

- District allocation trend data
- Charter school increases and boundary issues
- Bus replacements, given lack of capital outlay

Funding Formula Issues (with LFC)

- Small school units
- At-risk units
- Enrollment growth units
- Rural isolation factors
- Impact Aid
- Alternative schools
- Weighting of special education students and federal Maintenance of Effort
- Variable calendar factors
- Status of sufficiency

Teacher Compensation (with LFC)

- Study results of “Pay for Performance” pilots
- Efficacy of “hard-to-staff” stipends
- Debit cards for school supplies
- Study other states’ teacher pay models

Virtual Education (with LFC)

- Parameters for new and existing charters
- Regulations governing district-led hybrids
- Study other states’ statutory and regulatory environment

Educator Evaluation System

- Year 2 data concerning rating levels (including multiple measures, teacher attendance and systemic anomalies)
- Study appeals process and results
- PED communications with teachers
- Revisit CS/CS/HB 144, *Teacher & School Leader Effectiveness Act* and recommend language for 2016
- Study other states' methodologies

Licensure Renewal & Advancement

- Year 2 data concerning advancement flexibility
- Year 2 data concerning extensions in lieu of renewals
- Study cost to districts of advancement flexibility
- Implementation of FL/SB 153/126, *Streamline Teacher Administrative Licensure*

Assessment

- Inaugural PARCC data, with impact on School Grading and Teacher Evaluations
- PED audit tool
- Evolution of EOCs
- High School Readiness assessments (grades 9 and 10)
- Revisit time study

Special Education

- Training of staff working with children with special needs (additional focus on autism)
- CYFD/PED collaborative data systems to improve outcomes for foster children

Other Miscellaneous Topics

- HB 146aa, *Instructional Material Definitions & Changes*: use of digital materials, flexibility for 50/50 funds, etc.
- NCLB Flexibility: Equity Plan, HQT waiver, etc.
- Career/Tech Education: Perkins funding, Workplace readiness (soft skills), PEC role, etc.
- Cost of Higher Ed enrollment: AP (via College Board), Dual Credit, Lottery Scholarship, etc.
- SB 587, *School Education Parents' Bill of Rights*: "opt out"
- PreK: PED/CYFD split, PED PreK funding mechanisms, licensure changes, etc.
- SB 329aa, *School Licensure Reciprocity Requirements*: TEACH grant, College of Education trend data, Future Educators, ELL teachers, etc.
- Charters: Revisit subcommittee bills, including *Audit Act*, facilities, and governance changes
- School Turnaround Program: Status of New Mexico version of UVA
- Revisit High School Redesign: Course requirements vs. Testing requirements, Status of Alternative Demonstration of Competency (ADC) options, etc.
- Social workers in high poverty schools
- Truancy solutions