

Minutes

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
June 13, 2016

Members Present

Senator Stan Bingham
Senator Don Davis
Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair
Senator Ralph Hise
Senator Tom McInnis
Senator Louis Pate
Senator Shirley Randleman
Senator Joyce Waddell

Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Nelson Dollar
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Rena Turner

Advisory Members

Senator Joyce Krawiec

Call to Order

Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Horn recognized John Turcotte who introduced the new Program Evaluator, Pat Madaj and Intern, Janice Hillenbrand.

Senator Hise moved to approve the May 9, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried.

Presentations and Comments

Chairman Hartsell recognized Carol Shaw, PED Principal Program Evaluator to present the status of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee 2015-17 Work Plan projects. Ms. Shaw reported that PED had completed six (6) of the projects; five (5) projects are underway and (8) eight projects are pending on the current work plan.

Currently there are two bills that direct PED to conduct evaluations:

- HB 923 – Behavioral Health Partnership Pilot Program directs PED to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program and report no later than 11/1/2017;
- HB 1020, Section 25.1 School Construction Needs Study directs PED to contract with an outside entity to conduct an independent assessment of school construction needs for low-wealth school administrative units and report no later than 3/15/2017;
- HB 1134 Administrative Changes Retirement System/Treasurer directs PED to examine other states that have implemented a normal retirement age for a pension system (no specific date);
- SB 303, Section 2.7 Study Nonprofit Contracting directs PED to study State law and internal agency policies and procedures for delivery of public services through State grants and contracts to nonprofit organizations and report no later than September 1, 2017.

Chairman Hartsell recognized Kiernan McGorty, PED Principal Program Evaluator to present the status of Legislation recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee.

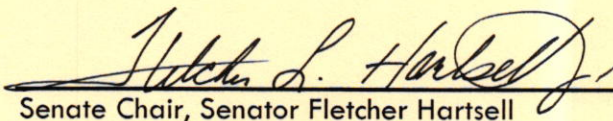
There are four (4) bills that are considered active legislation (H1030; S747; H976; H1027). There are five(5) bills that have been introduced but no further action has been taken at this time and are in committees (H1028/S804; H966/S782; H961/S758, S781; H1082/S844; H1123/S835).

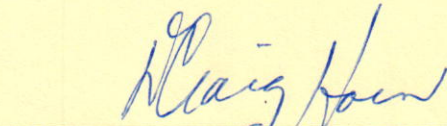
Senator Hise asked if the Respite Bill (S804) could be declared received. Dr. McGorty replied that S804 and H1028 were already referred to Rules and Appropriations.

Senator Hartsell called on Sean Hamel (Principal Evaluator, PED) to provide an update on the K-12 Funding Formula project. Sean explained the scope of evaluation is large, directing PED to examine all sources of funds and formulas used to allocate funds. Sean indicated the evaluation and subsequent report would cover all sources of funding, but focus would be placed on state funds and allotment formulas used to allocate these funds to LEAs. Sean commented the system is large and complex and NC was in the minority of states that choose to allocate funds under the model used in NC. Sean could not provide specific details of finding or issues as they were still being developed throughout the remainder of fieldwork, but indicated a number of potential issues have been identified. In addition Sean informed the committee of other models the state could use to allocate funds. He explained the evaluation team would be completing fieldwork in the coming weeks and due to scale, would need the summer to craft the report. The committee should expect the briefing and report at the November 2016 committee meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned to meet again July 11, 2016.


Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell


House Chair, Representative Craig Horn