

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Education

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2019 Interim

July 9, 2019

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 10:00 AM, in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Steve Riley, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representatives James Tipton, Co-Chair, and Steve Riley, Co-Chair; Senators C.B. Embry Jr., Stan Humphries, and Mike Wilson; Representatives Tina Bojanowski, Randy Bridges, Joseph M. Fischer, Kelly Flood, Jim Glenn, David Hale, Cluster Howard, Regina Huff, Bobby McCool, and Attica Scott.

Guests: Derrick K. Ramsey, Secretary, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; Michael J. Nemes, Deputy Secretary, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; Lana Gordon, Commissioner, Department of Workforce Investment; Dr. Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education; David Horseman, Associate Commissioner, Office of Career and Technical Education and Student Transition; Dr. Aaron Thompson, President, Council on Postsecondary Education; Dr. Jay Box, President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

LRC Staff: Chuck Truesdell, Jennifer Krieger, Seth Dawson, and Amie Elam.

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Representatives from the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet discussed career and technical education. The cabinet's presentation focused on high demand jobs and the Work Ready Initiative.

In response to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Secretary Ramsey said that the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet plans to aggressively pursue the number of workers with disabilities that are being placed in jobs. Deputy Secretary Nemes said that his staff will send the exact percentage of workers with disabilities who are not placed to committee members.

In response to a question from Representative Scott, Deputy Secretary Nemes said that registered apprenticeship programs use a worker's competency to accelerate program completion.

In response to a question from Representative Howard, Secretary Ramsey said the cabinet will provide data to the committee regarding the wages of the 138,000 job openings in Kentucky. Representative Howard also requested information on the reasoning behind the number of openings.

In response to a question from Representative Fischer, Secretary Ramsey said that the Work Ready Scholarship program helps to provide tuition-free training to students. He said that the community and technical colleges will play a bigger role in reducing the amount of debt students accumulate before entering the workforce.

In response to a question from Representative Flood, Deputy Secretary Nemes said that the registered apprenticeship program is expanding into information technology, healthcare, and education.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Deputy Secretary Nemes said the cabinet will provide the committee with a more detailed breakdown of the Work Ready scholarship recipients.

Kentucky Department of Education

Representatives from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) discussed secondary career and technical education. KDE's presentation included information on career centers and funding needs.

In response to a question from Representative Scott, Mr. Horseman said teachers are recruited through postings and word of mouth. Commissioner Lewis said that the University of Louisville is a major partner for the New Teacher Institute. Mr. Horseman stated that professional development funding comes from Perkins funds and federal funds.

Council on Postsecondary Education

Representatives from the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) discussed workforce education and readiness. CPE's presentation included information on awarded credentials and workforce solutions.

In response to a question from Representative Flood, Dr. Box said CPE is working with hospitals to fill in funding gaps until the legislature is able to find more long-term solutions.

In response to a question from Representative Glenn, Dr. Box said that, to fill instructor roles, hospital nurses would need to be adjunct faculty. He said that many nurses would have shared appointments between a hospital and a clinical site.

In response to a question from Representative McCool, Dr. Box said pending legislation, if passed, will allow short-term federal Pell funding to be used for certificate programs. He said that short-term certificate programs allow individuals to get into the workforce sooner than a traditional program.

In response to a question from Representative Howard, Dr. Thompson said general education needs to be revamped to focus on employability skills. Dr. Box said the legislature needs to reinvest in higher education to prevent losing valuable faculty at Kentucky's colleges and universities.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.