

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2024 Interim

August 21, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education was held on August 21, 2024, at 10:30 AM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Kim Banta, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Kim Banta Co-Chair; Senator Matthew Deneen Co-Chair; Representative Bobby McCool Co-Chair; Senator Stephen West; Representatives James Tipton, Adam Bowling, Josh Bray, Shane Baker, Derrick Graham, Scott Lewis, Steve Riley, and Killian Timoney.

Guests: Michael Ford, Superintendent, Russell County Schools; Beth Hargis, Ed.D., Associate Commissioner, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education; Regan Satterwhite, Policy Advisor, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education; Tom Thompson, Division Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education

LRC Staff: Liz Columbia, Mariah Derringer-Lackey, David Talley, and Amie Elam.

The minutes from the July 17, 2024, meeting were approved by voice vote.

Career and Technical Education Funding Formula

Representatives from the Office of Career and Technical Education and the Superintendent of Russell County Schools delivered a presentation focusing on Career and Technical Education (CTE). The presentation included details about the new funding formula and recommendations from the funding report.

In response to a question from Chair Banta, Dr. Hargis confirmed a calculation error in the budget released in July. She added that half of the corrected contracts have been sent out, and the remaining half are forthcoming. Ms. Satterwhite mentioned that performance indicators were included in the formula to measure the characteristics of a high-quality program.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Dr. Hargis mentioned that data from KYSTATS indicates that students who complete a pathway tend to be more successful. She

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also highlighted flexibility within the pathways. Additionally, Ms. Satterwhite pointed out that CTE dual credit enrollment is on the rise, with nearly 25,000 Kentucky high school students receiving it in the 2022-2023 school year. She also mentioned that CTE dual credit is incentivized as part of the CTE performance funding mechanism.

In response to a question from Representative Timoney, Ms. Satterwhite confirmed that a pathway completion does not equal certification. She stated that career pathway graduates are being tracked by KYSTATS. Dr. Hargis added that every student who earns an industry certification at the high school level is entered into Infinite Campus for tracking purposes.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Ms. Satterwhite answered that districts have autonomy regarding how funds are spent. She added that there is a funding matrix on the Office of CTE's website that outlines allowable and nonallowable expenses.

In response to a question from Representative Lewis, Dr. Hargis stated that the amount of money available for state-operated Area Technology Centers remained the same. She added that salary increases and static funding led to decreased program funding for state-operated Area Technology Centers.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Ms. Satterwhite mentioned that schools are no longer required to have five or more programs in order to receive CTE funding. Dr. Hargis further explained that some districts in the state are not eligible for Perkins funding, and as a result, they are also ineligible to receive CTE funding.

In response to a question from Representative Bray, Ms. Satterwhite said that local districts provide over two-thirds of CTE within the state. Dr. Hargis answered that a district has a preference over a local or a state-run system.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Dr. Hargis mentioned that the Office of CTE had submitted an additional budget request (ABR) for step and rank employees.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.