

# **EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE**

## **Minutes**

**July 16, 2024**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

A meeting of the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee was held on July 16, 2024, at 8:30 AM in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Scott Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### **Present were:**

Members: Senator Stephen West Co-Chair; Representative Scott Lewis Co-Chair; Senators Matthew Deneen, and Mike Wilson; Representatives Kim Banta, and Tina Bojanowski.

Guests: Bryan Jones, Investigations Division Manager, Office of Education Accountability; Dr. Bart Liguori, Research Division Manager, Office of Education Accountability

LRC Staff: Lauren Busch, Joshua Collins, Peter Wright, Emily Wiley and Maurya Allen.

### **Approval of November 1, 2023 Minutes**

Senator Deneen moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Representative Banta. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Office of Education Accountability Annual Report**

Bryan Jones, Investigations Division Manager, OEA, and Dr. Bart Liguori, Research Division Manager, OEA, were present to discuss the OEA Annual Report. Mr. Jones shared the statutory authority for OEA to investigate complaints, as well as the types of complaints investigated, transferred to other agencies, or declined due to pending or anticipated litigation.

Dr. Liguori gave a brief overview of the research performed by OEA and reported to the committee in 2023, recognitions awarded for various reports published by OEA, recent updates to the online SEEK tool with recent data, and the approved study topics for 2024. The approved study topics for 2024 include, the annual District Data Profiles, a study of school district governance models and interventions, and characteristics of higher and lower impact schools.

Representative Banta moved to accept the report. Senator Deneen seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

### **Office of Education Accountability District Data Profiles, School Year 2023**

Dr. Liguori presented on the District Data Profiles and noted changes from previous years, some of which require caution when comparing data due to significant changes to school accountability measures over time.

After briefly covering the types of data available in the report, Dr. Liguori gave a tutorial on how to use the interactive report feature on the LRC website and ways that the interactive tool has been refined to improve ease of use.

In response to questions from Senator West, Dr. Liguori said pension data is not included in the data, and it is not included in the data for other states in regards to teacher compensation. That is not a metric that is captured by the source reporting agency. Regarding migrant students, Dr. Liguori directed members to the specific definition of students who are qualified as migrant based on the lifestyle of their parents, which means travel between districts or states for employment, such as seasonal farm workers.

Responding to a question from Representative Banta, Dr. Liguori said there are some data sources on teacher retirement and pensions, and comparing Kentucky's teacher's retirement to other states would make a good study topic for next year.

In response to questions from Chair Lewis, Dr. Liguori answered homeless students are not necessarily on the street, but could be staying at a friend or family member temporarily. Additionally, he explained how the levied tax rates factor into the data and SEEK funding.

Responding to questions from Senator West, Dr. Liguori said that the terminology for English Language Learners (ELL) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students has changed over time to replace English as a Second Language (ESL) to capture the number of students receiving English as a second language instruction.

Responding to a question from Senator Wilson, Dr. Liguori illustrated the heat map for Limited English Proficiency to show districts that have the highest percentage of LEP students.

Senator West—moved to accept the report, seconded by Senator Deneen. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Other Business**

Chair Lewis recognized Albert Alexander, OEA analyst, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Alexander has served the legislature for nearly 18 years and provided exemplary service to the committee. Members of the committee and OEA staff gave a standing ovation to Mr. Alexander.

**Adjournment**

Chair Lewis announced the next meeting of the committee will be October 15, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in Annex 131. With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.