2022 REGULAR SESSION

House Standing Committee on Appropriations & Revenue

Budget Review Subcommittee on Primary & Secondary Ed & Workforce Dev

1st Meeting

January 18, 2022

The Budget Review Subcommittee on Primary & Secondary Ed & Workforce Dev of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations & Revenue held its 1st meeting of the 2022 Regular Session on January 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM, in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. The Chair called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Members Present: Representative Steve Riley, Chair; Representatives Tina Bojanowski, and Bobby McCool.

Guests: Eva Stone, DNP, APRN, Member, Kentucky Nurses Association- School Nurse Task Force; Sheila A. Schuster, Ph.D., Policy Consultant, Kentucky Nurses Association; George Stafford, Co-Executive Director, Jobs for Kentucky’s Graduates (JAG KY); Marcie Hanson, Co-Executive Director, Jobs for Kentucky’s Graduates (JAG KY); Stephanie Rickman, JAG KY Specialist, Graves County High School, Kaylee Harless, JAG KY Student, Martin County High School, Lester Diaz, Principal, Frederick Douglass High School.

LRC Staff: Liz Columbia, Seth Dawson, and Amie Elam.

**School Nurses**

Dr. Eva Stone and Dr. Sheila Schuster gave a presentation on behalf of the Kentucky Nurses Association School Nurse Task Force. The presentation focused on the significance of having a full-time school nurse in each school, and the impact a school nurse has on students, academically, physically, and psychosocially.

In response to a question from Representative Riley, Dr. Stone said that if a student comes to the office for a health complaint, a school nurse would be less likely to send the student home than someone who is not licensed or trained. Dr. Schuster said that it is difficult to get data regarding the status of school nurses in local school districts. She said that the goal of the Kentucky Nurses Association is to make sure that every school district gets enough funding to have a full-time nurse in each school building.

In response to a question from Representative McCool, Dr. Schuster clarified that the goal is to have one nurse for each school building regardless of the number of students.

**Jobs for America’s Graduates - Kentucky**

Representatives from Jobs for America’s Graduates Kentucky (JAG KY) gave a presentation focusing on the impact of the program on Kentucky students and JAG KY’s growth plan over the next three years.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.