

# **INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE**

## **Budget Review Subcommittee on Education**

### **Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2019 Interim**

**November 19, 2019**

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

The 5th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 10:00 AM, in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Alice Forgry Kerr, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Alice Forgry Kerr, Co-Chair; Representative Steve Riley, Co-Chair; Senators C.B. Embry Jr., Christian McDaniel, Johnny Ray Turner, and Mike Wilson; Representatives Tina Bojanowski, Randy Bridges, David Hale, Cluster Howard, C. Ed Massey, Bobby McCool, and Attica Scott.

Guests: Ryan Hale, Advanced Placement Instructor, Western Hills High School; Stacy Bassett, Senior Director of State Government Relations, College Board; Brian Gupton, Chief Executive Officer, Dataseam; Dr. John O. Trent, Deputy Director of Basic Translation Research, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville; Charles David (CD) Morton, Superintendent, Harlan Independents Schools; Eric Kennedy, Director of Advocacy, Kentucky School Boards Association; Dr. Rhonda Caldwell, Executive Director, Kentucky Association of School Administrators; Dr. Jim Flynn, Executive Director, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents.

LRC Staff: Chuck Truesdell, Nick Peak, and Amie Elam.

#### **School Safety**

Representatives from the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA), the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA), and the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS), spoke to the committee regarding school safety issues and 2019 Regular Session Senate Bill 1.

In response to a question from Senator McDaniel, Mr. Kennedy said that SEEK would likely be the most effective way to fund school safety initiatives. He added that the SEEK program would be able to account for all of the differences among school districts.

Mr. Kennedy said that KSBA will provide the committee with specifics regarding the best and most effective ways to fund the implementation of Senate Bill 1. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would provide the committee with actual personnel costs rather than the mandated costs that were shown on the slides. Dr. Flynn said that any position that requires a certification will be a part of the Teachers' Retirement System.

In response to a question from Representative Scott, Mr. Kennedy said that School Resource Officer (SRO) training falls under the Department of Criminal Justice Training. He said that Commissioner Alex Payne would have information relating to SRO training.

In response to a question from Representative Scott, Dr. Flynn said that he would have to research restorative justice practices in Kentucky to provide a better answer to the committee.

In response to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Mr. Kennedy said that as of the 2019 Regular Session there were a few schools in Kentucky that did not have a designated school counselor. Mr. Kennedy said that reimbursements for SROs would depend on the provisions the General Assembly puts in the budget bill.

In response to a question from Representative Massey, Mr. Kennedy said that Senate Bill 1 requires districts to submit a report that will allow for better information gathering regarding the implementation and progress of school safety measures.

### **Advanced Placement**

Advanced Placement (AP) Instructor, Ryan Hale, and Stacy Bassett, Senior Director of State Government Relations, College Board, addressed the committee regarding AP instruction and exams in Kentucky high schools.

### **Dataseam**

Representatives from Dataseam, Harlan County Schools, and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center updated the committee on the accomplishments of the Dataseam project.

In response to a question from Representative Massey, Mr. Gupton said that 46 districts are participating in Dataseam. He said that roughly 20 of those districts are part of a limited expansion of the program.

In response to a question from Senator Turner, Mr. Gupton said the grant for Dataseam was awarded in 2005 and the General Assembly made the legislative appropriation in 2006.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.