

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Education

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2020 Interim

June 3, 2020

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 1st meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 10:30 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., Gerald A. Neal, Johnny Ray Turner, and Mike Wilson; Representatives Kim Banta, Tina Bojanowski, Randy Bridges, Kelly Flood, Cluster Howard, Regina Huff, C. Ed Massey, Bobby McCool, and Rob Rothenburger.

Guests: Charles Harman, Director, Division of Budget and Financial Management, Kentucky Department of Education; Robin Kinney, Associate Commissioner, Office of Finance and Operations, Kentucky Department of Education.

LRC Staff: Chuck Truesdell, Seth Dawson, and Amie Elam

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Charles Harman and Robin Kinney gave a presentation to the committee regarding FY 2020 budget reductions and FY 2021 budget implementation. The impact of COVID-19 on school districts and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act were also addressed.

In response to a question from Senator Embry, Ms. Kinney said using available state and federal funds for eligible purposes could free up money from other sources to address budget shortfalls in local districts.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Ms. Kinney said the process for requesting Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds has

started. School districts need to make a federal cash request to be able to receive ESSER funds. Staff will send tax rates for each school district to members of the committee.

In response to a question from Representative Bojanowski, Ms. Kinney said that, under the CARES Act, there is a model that informs districts regarding equitable services. She added that this does not mean that money will go to private schools, but rather, focuses on the value of services provided to the students enrolled in private schools.

In response to a question from Representative Howard, Ms. Kinney said the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) had waived the dead period date for athletics. She added that school districts play a vital role in many aspects of the community and the importance of considering each aspect when providing guidance on how to proceed for the summer and the upcoming school year.

In response to a question from Representative Banta, Mr. Harman said there are 51 federally identified Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools in Kentucky. There is little to no flexibility with state and federal guidelines regarding CSI schools.

In response to a question from Representative Flood, Ms. Kinney said the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund dollars will be allocated under the Title I formula.

Chair Riley announced the next meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education will be held on July 8, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.