

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Education

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2020 Interim

October 21, 2020

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 Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 10:30 AM, in Room 169 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, Joseph M. Fischer, Kelly Flood, C. Ed Massey, and Bobby McCool.

Guests: Jason E. Glass, Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner, Kentucky Department of Education; Robin Fields Kinney, Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education; Karen Wirth, Budget Director, Office of Finance and Operations, Division of Budget and Financial Management, Kentucky Department of Education.

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

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Representatives from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) presented a proposed budget reduction plan. The presentation included the potential impact on services KDE and school districts provide.

In response to a question from Representative McCool, Ms. Kinney said that the proposed budget reductions would impact current fiscal year operations.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Ms. Kinney said school districts are in the process of data checking current enrollment numbers. She said KDE will provide the members of the committee with that information as soon as possible. She added that 14 school districts chose to use 2018-2019 attendance data when calculating average

daily attendance. The rest of the school districts chose to use 2019-2020 data. She said between December 2020 and March 2021, KDE should have an idea of what the impact to SEEK will be. Ms. Kinney said KDE is in favor of not reducing funding for Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSCs). She answered that the department had not communicated with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding FRYSCs.

In response to a question from Senator Givens, Ms. Kinney said that KDE holds regular meetings with district superintendents and school finance officers. She said that KDE did communicate the budget reduction request and that finance officers and superintendents were invited to today's subcommittee meeting.

In response to a question from Representative Banta, Ms. Kinney said KDE will share the same percentage of budget cuts as the local school districts.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.