

EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes

November 8, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee was held on November 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. 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: Representative Scott Lewis, Co-Chair; Senator Stephen West, Co-Chair; Senators Matthew Deneen and Mike Wilson; and Representatives Tina Bojanowski and Steve Riley.

Guests: Dr. Deborah Nelson, Research Division Manager, Office of Education Accountability (OEA); Chris Riley, Research Analyst, OEA; and Todd Allen, General Counsel, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

LRC Staff: Lauren Busch, Peter Wright, and Landen Holder.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Senator West. The motion passed by voice vote.

Office of Education Accountability Report: Student Achievement: Lessons Learned from Kentucky's Relatively Highest- and Lowest-Performing Schools

OEA Staff Dr. Deborah Nelson, Research Division Manager, and Mr. Chris Riley, Research Analyst, discussed the Student Achievement research report. Research indicates highest-impact schools across the Commonwealth exhibit well-established best practices in instructional systems, behavioral systems, and local leadership effectiveness.

In response to Representative Bojanowski, Dr. Nelson said releasing impact scores for schools on a building-level may unfairly misrepresent academic performance due to various factors, including dissimilar requirements for special education. Dr. Nelson also provided the committee with an example of one school district's effective plan for addressing persistent behavior challenges.

In response to Senator Deneen, Dr. Nelson noted the presence of experienced teacher-leaders and administrators, as opposed to a formal training program, was the determining factor in the success of newly certified teachers.

Responding to Senator West, Dr. Nelson cited KDE's principal network and cognitive coaches as resources provided for school administrator development.

Chair Lewis made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Senator West. The motion passed by voice vote.

Review of Administrative Regulations

703 KAR 5:080 – *Proposed*

Administration Code for Kentucky's Educational Assessment Program

703 KAR 5:240 – *Proposed*

Accountability Administrative Procedures and Guidelines

Chair Lewis invited questions and comments on the two regulations. No comments or questions were voiced.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.