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MINUTES
LESC MEETING
January 19, 2015

Senator John M. Sapien, Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) to order at 10:47 a.m., on Monday, January 19, 2015, in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The following voting members of the LESC were present:

Senators John M. Sapien, Chair, Craig W. Brandt, and Gay G. Kernan; and Representatives Mimi Stewart, Vice Chair, Nora Espinoza, Jimmie C. Hall, Rick Miera, and Dennis J. Roch.

The following voting members of the LESC were not present:

Senator Howie C. Morales; and Representative Sheryl M. Williams Stapleton.

The following advisory members of the LESC were present:

Senators Lee S. Cotter, Daniel A. Ivey-Soto, Linda M. Lopez, William P. Soules, and Pat Woods; and Representatives Alonzo Baldonado, David M. Gallegos, Tomás E. Salazar, and Christine Trujillo.

The following advisory members of the LESC were not present:

Senators Jacob R. Candelaria and John Pinto; and Representatives Nathan "Nate" Cote, George Dodge, Jr., Stephanie Garcia Richard, Timothy D. Lewis, James E. Smith, and Bob Wooley.

Senator Cisco McSorley was also in attendance.

On a motion by Representative Roch, seconded by Representative Stewart, the committee approved the agenda for the meeting.

**POTENTIAL LESC-ENDORSED LEGISLATION:
COMMITTEE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

The Chair stated that he would be voting against LESC-endorsement of the following pieces of legislation because committee members did not receive electronic copies of the drafts prior to the meeting.

.197726.3 - Amend the *Public School Code* relating to charter school eligibility for small school size adjustment program units. *Sponsor: Representative (now Senator) Mimi Stewart*

At the request of the sponsor, amended provisions to this bill are to be reviewed and included in the final draft.

.198918.1 - Amend the *Public School Finance Act* relating to the reporting dates for school transportation funding of school districts and state-chartered charter schools to the second and third reporting dates of the prior year. *Sponsor: Representative Dennis J. Roch*

On a motion by Representative Stewart, seconded by Representative Roch, the committee endorsed this legislation by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 in opposition.

.198118.3 - Amend the *Public School Code* to exclude the collection and distribution of personally identifiable information in the educational data system.
Sponsor: Representative Roch

On a motion by Representative Hall, seconded by Representative Stewart, the committee endorsed this legislation as amended by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 in opposition.

.198738.1 - Amend the *Audit Act* to address whether a charter school is to be considered a component unit of an entity for audit purposes. *Sponsor: Senator Daniel A. Ivey-Soto*

On a motion by Representative Stewart, seconded by Representative Roch, the committee removed its endorsement of the original bill and endorsed the amended legislation by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 in opposition.

.198901.1 - Make an appropriation to support the deployment of national core arts standards aligning with the state standards; and to expand opportunities for fine arts instruction for visual and performing arts specialists, classroom teachers, administrators, students, and communities statewide. *Request of Senator Cisco McSorley*

The LESC did not vote to endorse this legislation as it was pre-filed prior to LESC consideration for endorsement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Approval of December 2014 LESC Minutes

On a motion by Senator Kernan, seconded by Representative Roch, the committee approved the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) minutes for the December 2014 interim meeting.

b. Approval of Draft LESC Report to the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature, 2015

On a motion by Senator Kernan, seconded by Representative Stewart, the committee approved the draft of the LESC report.

c. Informational Items

For the committee's review, Ms. Frances Ramírez-Maestas, LESC staff, referred to the following documents in the committee notebooks:

- *Final draft of the 2014 LESC Interim Workplan;*
- *Draft Public School Data Reference Guide, 2015;*
- *December 2014 LESC-endorsed Legislation with Sponsors;*
- *Update on the Status of Lawsuits Regarding Sufficiency of Education Funding; and*
- *Available Written Reports*
 - *Bilingual Multicultural Education Annual Report for the School Year 2013-2014, Public Education Department (PED), December 2014;*
 - *K-3 Plus Education Annual Report for the School Year 2013-2014, PED, December 2014;*
 - *New Mexico Home Visiting Annual Outcomes Report, FY 14, Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), January 1, 2015;*
 - *PreK Annual Report, School Year 2013-2014, PED and CYFD, December 2014; and*
 - *School Athletics Equity Act Summary Report, PED, December 2014.*

d. Correspondence

Ms. Ramírez-Maestas informed the committee that the following memoranda and letters are included in the committee notebooks:

- a memorandum from the State Auditor to the Secretary-designate of Public Education, dated December 2, 2014, regarding:
 - notification of PED's at-risk status due to noncompliance;
 - the forensic audit contract status related to Southwest Learning Centers; and
 - risk observations and directive to audit systemic oversight failures;
- a memorandum from the State Auditor to the Secretary-designate of Public Education, dated December 4, 2014, regarding:

