



Education and Local Government Interim Committee

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Education and Local Government Interim Committee June 16, 2014 Room 137, State Capitol

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. TOM FACEY, Chair
REP. DONALD JONES, Vice Chair

SEN. DAVE LEWIS
SEN. FREDERICK (ERIC) MOORE
SEN. MATTHEW ROSENDALE

REP. KRISTIN HANSEN
REP. EDITH (EDIE) MCCLAFFERTY
REP. DANIEL SALOMON

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

REP. JEAN PRICE
SEN. STEWART-PEREGOY
REP. WOODS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

SEN. WINDY BOY

STAFF PRESENT

PAD MCCRACKEN, Lead Staff
LAURA SANKEY, Staff Attorney
JOY LEWIS, Secretary

AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda, ([Attachment 1](#)).
Visitors' list, ([Attachment 2](#)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee agreed to authorize the drafting of the five bills requested by Ms. Quinlan for OPI.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:05 Sen. Facey, chair, called the meeting to order. The secretary took the roll. ([Attachment 3](#))

Update from Subcommittee on Shared Policy Goals for Education

00:01:33 Rep. Hansen gave an overview of the subcommittee meeting on shared policies and goals held earlier in the day.
00:04:43 Sen. Facey thanked everyone for their work.
00:04:58 Mr. McCracken
00:05:38 Sen. Facey

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Report

**BG (Ret.) Hal Stearns, Compact Commissioner;
Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools;
Major Renea Dorvall, Department of Military Affairs**

00:06:39 Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction, gave an overview of the "Report on the Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children," and gave a brief introduction of the three panelists. ([Exhibit 1](#))
00:14:22 Hal Stearns, Retired Brigadier General and Compact Commissioner for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, provided a brief history of both his and his wife's teaching careers in the Department of Defense Schools. He spoke of the opportunity to head up the governor's group and how honored he feels in Governor's Bullock's appointment of him. He submitted written material to the committee. ([Exhibit 2](#))

- 00:28:45 Ms. Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools, talked about her time as the principal at Loy Elementary School in Great Falls, a school that served a high percentage of children from military families. She talked about the provisions of the compact and the challenges that military families face.
- 00:38:41 Major Renea Dorvall, Department of Military Affairs, talked about the limitations of the Compact as it relates to her position in the National Guard. She provided statistics on how many military children live in Montana. She talked about the importance of the National Guard's youth programs and camps.

Questions from the committee/discussion

- 00:46:50 Sen. Rosendale
00:47:26 Ms. Lacey
00:48:27 Gen. Stearns
00:49:47 Sen. Rosendale
00:50:10 Ms. Quinlan
00:51:03 Sen. Rosendale
00:51:31 Ms. Quinlan
00:52:13 Sen. Rosendale
00:52:27 Ms. Lacey
00:52:52 Sen. Facey

K-12 Data Task Force Update - Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, OPI

- 00:53:38 Sen. Facey
00:54:18 Ms. Quinlan gave a summary of the K-12 Data Task Force. [\(Exhibit 3\)](#)

Questions from the committee

- 01:03:57 Sen. Facey
01:04:30 Sen. Moore
01:05:17 Ms. Quinlan
01:08:00 Sen. Facey
01:08:23 Ms. Quinlan
01:09:31 Rep. Hansen
01:10:25 Ms. Quinlan
01:12:48 Sen. Facey
01:13:03 Ms. Quinlan

Public Comment

- 01:13:52 Karen Cox asked how many data points are required for a teacher to see how a kid is doing. She questioned the logic behind collecting this data and the security of the data once it's collected, and believes it is another huge waste of money.

Agency-requested legislation

Office of Public Instruction - Madalyn Quinlan, OPI Chief of Staff

- 01:15:16 Sen. Facey
01:15:21 Mr. McCracken reviewed a handout he passed out at the April 11, 2014 meeting.
01:17:07 Ms. Quinlan reviewed five bill draft requests from OPI and asked the committee for permission to move forward with the drafting of the bills.
(Exhibit 4)

Questions from the committee

- 01:23:34 Sen. Rosendale
01:23:46 Ms. Quinlan
01:24:12 Rep. Hansen
01:25:24 Ms. Quinlan
01:26:32 Rep. Hansen - Ms. Quinlan
01:30:08 Rep. Hansen - Ms. Quinlan
01:35:05 Sen. Rosendale - Ms. Quinlan
01:35:48 Sen. Facey
01:36:03 Rep. Hansen
01:36:37 Ms. Quinlan
01:37:20 Sen. Facey
01:38:21 Sen. Rosendale
01:39:04 Sen. Facey
01:39:46 Sen. Moore
01:40:43 Sen. Facey
01:41:00 Mr. McCracken
01:42:55 Sen. Facey
01:43:22 Sen. Lewis
01:44:32 Rep. Hansen
01:45:09 Susan Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division
01:46:53 Rep. Hansen
01:48:02 Ms. Fox
01:50:18 Rep. Hansen
01:52:49 Sen. Rosendale
01:53:54 Rep. McClafferty made a motion to give permission to OPI to draft the five bills requested by Ms. Quinlan for OPI.
01:54:17 Sen. Facey
01:56:53 The Secretary took a roll call vote: The motion passed 7 to 3.
(Attachment 4)

Break 3:02 p.m.

02:13:15 Sen. Facey reconvened the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Public comment

02:13:54 Debra Lamm said she appreciated the comments made by Senators' Rosendale and Moore, and she also noted the comments that Rep. Hansen made concerning school funding.

Review of K-12 funding study bill draft

Review bill draft LC 9309 - Pad McCracken, ELG staff

02:15:10 Mr. McCracken gave an overview of the bill draft LC 9309. **(Exhibit 5)**

Committee discussion

02:20:58 Sen. Facey
02:21:06 Sen. Rosendale
02:21:42 Sen. Facey
02:22:19 Rep. Hansen
02:25:50 Sen. Facey
02:27:35 Mr. McCracken
02:28:26 Sen. Facey
02:28:41 Mr. McCracken
02:28:50 Rep. McClafferty
02:28:59 Sen. Facey
02:29:15 Mr. McCracken
02:29:45 Sen. Moore
02:30:41 Mr. McCracken
02:31:14 Sen. Moore
02:31:35 Rep. Hansen
02:33:18 Sen. Facey
02:33:55 Rep. Hansen
02:35:31 Sen. Facey
02:36:22 Rep. Salomon
02:37:07 Mr. McCracken
02:38:15 Sen. Facey

Public comment

02:38:28 Karen Cox asked if there was ever going to be a funding study on Common Core (CC)? She said she keeps asking how much CC is going to cost the public.
02:39:59 Rep. Hansen said that CC will be a component of the study.
02:40:40 Sen. Facey

Digital Learning Roundtable

**Digital learning and policy considerations - Pad McCracken,
Tools & Trends - Colet Bartow, Library-Information Science Curriculum
Coordinator, CSI Division, OPI
Montana Digital Academy update - Bob Currie, MTDA Director
Questions from the committee/discussion**

02:41:01 Mr. McCracken reviewed the "Digital Learning 'Frequently Asked Policy Questions'" report for the committee. **(Exhibit 6)**

02:58:23 Colet Bartow, Library-Information Science Curriculum, gave a slide presentation. "Balancing Act The Promise of Digital Learning for Montana's Children." **(Exhibit 7)**

03:07:29 Rep. Jones

03:08:55 Ms. Bartow

03:10:12 Sen. Lewis

03:10:26 Sen. Facey

03:11:02 Sen. Rosendale

03:11:14 Ms. Bartow

03:20:03 Sen. Facey

03:20:08 Rep. Jones

03:20:45 Ms. Bartow

03:21:21 Sen. Facey

03:22:35 Rep. Jones - Ms. Bartow

03:27:37 Sen. Facey

03:27:44 Bob Currie, MTDA Director, provided an update on the Digital Academy program with a slide presentation and he talked about some new projects the Academy is working on. He provided the committee with written materials. **(Exhibit 8) (Exhibit 9)**

03:35:22 Sen. Rosendale

03:35:43 Mr. Currie

03:41:41 Sen. Rosendale - Mr. Currie

03:42:02 Sen. Lewis

03:42:54 Mr. Currie

03:43:08 Ms. Bartow

03:43:25 Sen. Facey

03:43:35 Mr. Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, OPI

03:47:18 Sen. Facey

03:47:25 Mr. Currie

03:48:38 Sen. Facey - Mr. Currie

03:49:40 Sen. Facey

03:50:01 Rep. Jones

03:50:56 Mr. Parman

03:52:10 Sen. Moore

03:52:36 Mr. Parman
03:52:48 Sen. Moore
03:52:59 Rep. Jones - Mr. Parman
03:54:43 Rep. Jones - Mr. Currie
03:57:41 Rep. Hansen - Mr. Parman
04:01:10 Sen. Facey
04:01:36 Mr. McCracken reviewed the next day, June 17th's, agenda.

Adjourn

04:02:44 Sen. Facey adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.