

**ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION  
LEGISLATIVE/SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**May 14, 2014  
10:00 A.M.  
MEETING SUMMARY**

*In attendance via phone conference:* Todd Yohey, Beth Weber, Brian Wilson, Francis Scruci, Jeff Brown, Cathy Aukerman, Bob Hunt, Russ Bennett, Jenni Logan, Tony Podojil, Jim Betts and Barbara Adams.

Jim Betts convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**I. Current Political Landscape/Legislative Initiatives.**

A. **H. B. 487**

In terms of the three changes we were recommending for the College Credit Plus program, the amendment to remove the minimum per credit hour charge has a good chance of surviving in the Senate.

The addition of a means test for the purpose of charging tuition to parents still needs to garner support. There still appears to be resistance to the inclusion of this provision and, even if we can get it included, it will still need to survive the conference committee negotiations in order to stay as part of the bill.

Our final change involving the inclusion of AP/IB as part of the credentialing process has met resistance in both the House and the Senate and would seem to have little chance of being supported.

The education organizations are all supporting the removal of the minimum and the inclusion of a means test.

B. **H. B. 483**

Senator Hughes is considering sponsoring an amendment, similar to Brenner's bill in the House, that would establish a minimum foundation funding floor. Jim indicated that this is similar to the language that we were able to secure in the 2010-11 budget bill, but was removed by the Governor in his budget proposal for FY2012 and FY2013. Contacts with key Senate leaders and committee members would be helpful in order to build a larger consensus in the caucus.

C. **S. B. 229**

The bill is being heard in the House Education Committee, but a substitute version that has already been adopted by the committee extends its reach so radically that Senators may try to insert the version they passed unanimously into H. B. 487.

II. **Next Steps**

A. **Senate**

Jim will send out information on both the Dual Credit Plus amendments, as well as the need to support the Hughes amendment if it can be added to the MBR.

III. **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be **June 9th** at 10:00 a.m. at BASA or by phone conference.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.