



Legislative/Systems Improvement Committee

June 16, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Summary

In attendance on the Zoom conference: Tony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini, and members from 15 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update the committee on HB110 Biennial Budget policy and current legislative updates.

I. Current Political Landscape/ Legislative Initiatives.

A. HB110 Biennial Budget – Update

- a. Conference Committee timeline
- b. Budget amendments Jessica and Tony worked on in the Senate
 - i. Computer Science
 - ii. Transportation and Payment-in-Lieu
- c. School funding formula

The Conference Committee process officially started yesterday. Chairman Dolan, Vice-Chair Gavarone and Ranking Member Sykes on the Senate side and Chairman Oelslager, Vice-Chair Plummer, and Ranking Member Crowley, on the House side, plan to meet tomorrow to discuss budget updates.

On the Senate side we were able to get amendments to pause the new computer science requirements pending the creation of a statewide computer science education plan, to adjust the timeline for transporting students to private schools, and payment-in-lieu was changed to \$500 from \$2,500 per student.

The Senate added educational savings accounts to the bill last week. Jessica will update members as things change with the funding formula as things evolve.

B. HB 200/SB 145 Report Card Reform

The Alliance met with stakeholders last week made progress on several of the components except for achievement and prepared for success. These topics will be discussed at a meeting today. Tony and Jessica will update members after today's meeting.

C. HB 322 and HB 327 Critical Race Theory

HB322 and HB327 Critical Race Theory had hearings yesterday in the House State and Local Government Committee.

The Alliance plans to have meetings with districts to share concerns as they move forward with these discussions with the boards and communities. These bills are very

restrictive in terms of restricting local decision-making related to curriculum content and classroom instruction.

Jessica will keep members posted on this concern as it evolves.

D. Other Legislative Updates:

a. HB 170 Passed and Signed

b. SB 1 Financial Literacy

We continue to work with the House, the Senate, and other interested parties to come to a consensus with the report card reform. There will be another meeting this evening that Jessica will keep our members updated on.

HB 170 which is the Federal COVID money for schools' bill was passed and signed.

SB 1 Financial literacy had its first hearing last week. Jessica will keep members posted.

II. Next Steps:

A. Vaccine Bill-- HB 248, (restricts knowledge of all vaccinations)

III. Next Meeting.

The next meeting TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.