

Legislative/System Improvements Committee

Zoom Meeting Summary

Friday, July 28, 2023

10:00 a.m.

In attendance on video conference: Tony Podojil, legislative consultant William Schwartz and member representatives from 25 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update Alliance members regarding the most recent legislative activity listed below.

I. Budget Bill- House Bill 33

- a. Executive Budget Proposal**
- b. House Budget Proposal (sub bill)**
- c. Senate Budget Proposal (sub bill)**
- d. Status of Conference Committee report**

Will provided an overview of the final budget bill, House Bill 33. That overview was presented with a PowerPoint presentation, accompanying these minutes. The bill was signed into law on July 4 with 44 line-item vetoes. Key changes for Alliance districts include continuing the phase-in of the school funding formula, updating the base cost inputs to fiscal year 2022, and increasing the minimum state share percentage from 5% to 10%.

Other changes include establishing universal eligibility for Ed Choice vouchers and increasing the maximum voucher amounts to \$8,407 for high school and \$6,165 for K-8. Transportation changes will continue using the Transportation Monitoring Compliance System with noncompliance occurring at five consecutive days or ten cumulative days in a school year. \$174 million will be provided to districts to support purchases of curriculum, instructional materials, and professional development aligned to the Science of Reading.

Bills on tap for the fall session include:

HB 8 - Parents Bill of Rights

HB 68 - SAFE Act and Save Women's Sports Act

HB 103 - Social Studies Task Force

HB 183 - The Bathroom Bill

HB 211 - Free to Speak Act

HB 214 - Policy on Staff

HB 216 - Compliance on Bullying Laws

SB 49 - RED Act

SB 104/HB 219 - College Credit Plus

II. ODE/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. DEW transition

The transition to the Office of the DEW will occur the first week of October. The law provides an additional 90 days to finalize the transition.

The Alliance was invited by the Governor's office to participate in a stakeholder meeting to provide feedback and suggestions regarding the skills, knowledge, and experiences to consider

when selecting the Director of Education and Workforce. The group we participated in included representatives from the Gifted community, ESC and Chorus.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 29, 2023, via zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.