

MINUTES of the JOINT HOUSE and SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Abrams at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2016, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Barker – Excused

Representative Valdenia Winn – Excused

Representative Tom Burroughs, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

Tamera Lawrence, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Sue Mollenkamp, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Sharon Wenger, Legislative Research Department

Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jim Porter, Kansas State Board of Education Member and ESI Task Force Chairman

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Abrams opened the meeting and asked Senate members for bill introductions. Seeing none from other members, Chairman Abrams moved the Senate committee sponsor a bill related to online student data privacy and a bill related to a longitudinal reading program study; Senator Arpke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Highland asked for bill introductions from House members. Seeing none from other members, Chairman Highland moved the House committee sponsor a bill related to regulating traffic concerning overtaking and passing school buses; Representative Lunn seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Presentation on: Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Task Force Report

Chairman Abrams asked Revisor staff to provide an overview of statutes related to Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI). Nick Myers provided the overview and answered questions from the joint committees. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Chairman Abrams invited Jim Porter to the podium to present a report on the work of the 2015 ESI Task Force.

Mr. Porter commented on the diverse background of task force members and spoke of the efforts made

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by all in reaching a unanimous conclusion in their final report. Mr. Porter introduced Rocky Nichols, Vice-Chairman of the ESI Task Force, and both gentlemen presented information on the conclusions of the task force. ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#))

Chairman Abrams granted Senator Melcher a point of privilege to offer information related to his comments in the January 13th meeting on average teacher and administration salaries in his local school district.

Discussion took place concerning the ESI Task Force Report. Topics of discussion included the effect of the sunset date and the removal of the emergency contact requirement.

The Senate Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Discussion of topics for future meetings

Chairman Highland opened the meeting to discussion among House members on topics for future presentations.

The House committee adjourned at 2:36. p.m.

The House Education Committee will meet next on Tuesday, January 19, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 112-N of the Capitol.