

MINUTES of the JOINT SENATE and HOUSE 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

Committee staff present:

Steven Wu, Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Erna Fabert, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jim Porter, Kansas State Board of Education Member and ESI Task Force Chairperson
Rocky Nichols, ESI Task Force Vice Chairperson

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairperson Abrams opened the meeting and asked Senate members for bill introductions. Seeing none from other members, Chairperson 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.

Chairperson 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 of Report of the Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Task Force:

Chairperson 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](#))

Chairperson 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 by all in reaching a unanimous conclusion in their final report. ([Attachment 2](#))

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Education at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2016 in Room 112-N of the Capitol.

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 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#))

Chairperson 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 adjourned at 2:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Senate Education Committee will be a Joint meeting with the House Education Committee on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00 pm in Room 112-N of the Capitol.