
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: STATUS OF EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION AGENDA FOR 2001 SESSION
DATE 1/15/01
CC: FILE

Per the Governor's instructions at this morning's legislative breakfast meeting, I am providing you with a one-line summary of the status of our agenda for this session:

Education

1. Eliminate the 5% growth rate requirement for teacher pay raise
 - HB 75 and HB 763 both delete the 5% growth provision
 - TO WATCH: HB 1014 (Greg Snowden) requires the sine die general fund estimate to reflect a cumulative increase that is at least 5% greater than the actual general fund collections in FY 2001 as a prerequisite to implementing the first increase in salaries. The bill provides that raises be awarded in the FY in which the 5% growth estimate is attained and requires that each subsequent raise in the plan be implemented upon the sine die general fund revenue estimate increasing an additional 5% above FY 01 general fund collections.
2. Require local Superintendents of Education to be appointed
 - HB 64 provides for elected school boards and appointed superintendents
 - SBs 2170, 2196 and 2454 require all superintendents to be appointed after 1/1/04.
3. Authorize leave for parents participating in parent-teacher conferences
 - Rep. Warren and Senator Harden submitted requests for bills to be drafted.

Transportation

- HB 691 provides for a five-member transportation commission appointed by the Governor.
- HB 228 provides for violation of the seat belt law to be a primary offense.