
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR IDEA GOVERNANCE AMENDMENT
DATE 7/5/01
CC: RENICK

You'll remember that Senator Kennedy invited our staff to provide ideas and/or draft language regarding the governance amendment on the state educational plans. Fred and I have discussed some ideas and have narrowed them down to the following option, which we feel to be the most workable:

The State Education Agency shall provide a two-week review and comment period to the Governor for review of the State Plan. This review shall be documented by a letter from the Governor to the Chief State School Officer acknowledging the Governor's review of the State Plan and identifying any concerns or opposition to the State Plan.

Fred has discussed this with Senator Kennedy's staff and they will need our final thoughts by next week when Congress comes back from the 4th of July break. According to Fred, we do not have to present exact draft legislation language, rather just our concept and they will draft language if Senator Kennedy so desires.

Please advise as to your thoughts on this language and any changes you would like to make or add. Thanks!