



Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group

Monday, September 23, 2024
2:30 PM
Zoom
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/satlsfg/>

Members Present:

Representative Heather Keeler, Chair
Representative Ben Bakeberg
Representative Bryan Lawrence
Representative Bianca Virnig

Senator Mary Kunesh, Vice Chair
Senator Robert Farnsworth

Members Excused:

Senator Steve Cwodzinski

Meeting Minutes

Rep. Bakeberg called the meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group to order at 2:32 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of September 9, 2024, Minutes

Rep. Lawrence moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group. A vote was taken. The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Minnesota Department of Education Presentation

The Study Group heard from the several individuals at the Minnesota Department of Education about school attendance.

- Angela Mansfield, Assistant Commissioner of Educational Opportunity
- Lana Peterson, Director of Data Practices and Analytics
- Michael Diedrich, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Policy Analyst

Department of Children, Youth, and Families Introduction

Bharti Wahi, Interim Assistant Commissioner of Child Safety and Permanency at the Department of Children, Youth, and Families presented to the Study Group about the progress of the department's creation and the department's role in dealing with truancy.

Education Commission of the States Presentation

Joel Moore, Assistant Director of State Relations, and Lauren Bloomquist, Policy Analyst, of the Education Commission of the States presented to the Study Group on the efforts of other states to deal with truancy and student attendance.

Member Discussion

The Study Group discussed their takeaways from previous testimony and future plans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.