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Requested by: Senator Kerr
Re: Request for interim study committee regarding K-12 school start times
Date: 4/13/2018

Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed during the interim between the 2018 and 2019 legislative sessions to study later school start times. The interim study committee would be named the "School Start Time Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- The health benefits of later school start times to students;
- Barriers to enacting later school start times faced by school districts in Colorado and in other states;
- Best practices for facilitating information-sharing related to school start times among school districts and the Colorado Department of Education; and
- Legislative assistance for school districts that would like to study or enact later school start times.

The interim study committee would need to meet three times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of four members of the general assembly, selected as follows:

- Two members of the Senate, with one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate

- Two members of the House of Representatives, with one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives

The President of the Senate shall appoint the chair, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the vice-chair.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2018.

Nonlegislative members will not be appointed to the interim committee but are encouraged to provide information, testify, and work with the committee. The committee may take open testimony from the public. Further, the committee may convene sub-committees composed of individuals with experience in school and school district administration to collect and analyze data, make policy recommendations, and report back to the interim committee.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

The interim study committee will need one bill to address the issues it studies.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

Representatives from the Department of Education may be called upon to provide assistance and information to the interim study committee. Additionally, individuals and organizations with experience in school administration, school districts, and student health may be called upon to provide assistance or information. The committee is encouraged to seek the expertise and feedback of individuals representing rural, urban, and suburban school districts, as well as those representing school districts with different socioeconomic statuses.

The interim study committee will not conduct meetings outside of the Denver metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.