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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of the School Start Time Interim Study Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Charge and Membership of the School Start Time Interim Study Committee

### Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2018 membership of the School Start Time Interim Study Committee, the origin and charge of the committee, bill request deadlines and procedures, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

### Origin and Charge of the Committee

The School Start Time Interim Study Committee was created pursuant to Interim Committee Request Letter 2018-11, as approved by the Legislative Council on April 26, 2018. The committee is charged with studying the following policy issues:

- 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.

### Committee Membership

There are four members of the School Start Time Interim Study Committee. The chair is appointed by the President of the Senate and the vice-chair by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The four legislators appointed to the interim study committee are:

*Senator Kevin Priola, Chair*  
Senator Andy Kerr

*Representative Donald Valdez, Vice-Chair*  
Representative Jim Wilson

## Meeting Dates

The committee has been approved to meet up to three times during the 2018 interim. The committee is scheduled to meet at the following times:

- August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9 am – 12 pm; and
- August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 1 pm – 3 pm.

## Committee Recommendations to Legislative Council

**Bill limits and requests.** The committee may recommend **one bill** to the Legislative Council. Committee members must request bills during a single committee meeting set for requesting legislation, and bill requests must be approved by a majority of the committee members.<sup>1</sup>

**Bill request deadlines.** The Legislative Council has established deadlines for the 2018 interim for requesting, drafting, and approving bill drafts under consideration by the committee.<sup>2</sup> The meeting to request bill drafts must be held by August 22, 2018. Committee members must submit drafting information to the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) bill drafter within three calendar days of the meeting at which bills were requested. There must be at least 42 days in between the meeting at which legislation is requested and the meeting at which it is approved. To allow time for Legislative Council Staff to prepare the fiscal analysis of the proposal,<sup>3</sup> there must be 21 days between the date the proposed bill is finalized with OLLS staff and the date of the meeting to consider the proposed bills. The last day to finalize bill drafts with OLLS staff is September 13, 2018, and the committee must meet and vote on the bill drafts by October 3, 2018. Bill drafts and fiscal notes will be sent to the committee three days prior to the meeting at which the bills will be approved.

**Legislative Council review.** The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet on October 15, 2018, to approve interim committee draft legislation. Bills approved by the Legislative Council do not count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session. Bills not approved by the Legislative Council may be introduced during the regular session, but such bills would count against a member's five bill limit.<sup>4</sup> Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to approval by the Legislative Council.<sup>5</sup>

## Committee Staff and Website

**Committee staff contacts.** Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information concerning the committee, please send an e-mail to [schoolstarttime.ga@state.co.us](mailto:schoolstarttime.ga@state.co.us). You may also contact any of the following individual committee staff members:

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<sup>1</sup>Joint Rule 24 (d)(2.7)(A).

<sup>2</sup>Joint Rule 24A (d)(2.6).

<sup>3</sup>As required by House Bill 15-1335.

<sup>4</sup>Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(D).

<sup>5</sup>Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(E).

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***Fiscal note staff contact.*** Legislative Council Staff provides fiscal notes for committee legislation and other analyses requested by the committee. To discuss the fiscal impact of legislation or to request a fiscal analysis, please contact:

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***Legal services staff contacts.*** Additionally, attorneys at the Office of Legislative Legal Services provide legal and bill drafting assistance to the committee. For assistance in these areas, please contact:

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***Website.*** Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at: <http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/school-start-time-interim-study-committee/2018-regular-session>

***Twitter.*** Committee updates will be also posted on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/COInterimComm>