

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW17

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie, Abernathy, Berch

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Moon

**GUESTS:** Quinn Perry, ISBA; Tim Hill, Julie Oberle and Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Greg Wilson, Governor's Office; Rob Winslow, IASA; Paul Stark and Matt Compton, IEA; Jonathan Gillen, West Ada; Gideon Tolman, DFM

**Chairman Clow** called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The Committee continued discussion of the funding formula draft legislation.

**Rep. Marshall** stated the 2% weight for gifted and talented (GT) should be based on reported numbers, not on an assumption of 10% GT students.

**Rep. DeMordaunt** suggested funding gifted and talented subject to appropriation, rather than mandating funding.

**Rep. Goesling** said he supported funding GT as a line item.

**Vice Chairman Kerby** stated he preferred to fund a flat 2% of 10% of all students. This number would not fluctuate as much and limits the ability of districts to take advantage of the GT designation to receive more funding.

**Rep. Ehardt** stated she was not in favor of having a GT weight in any form.

**Reps. Marshall and DeMordaunt** said the Committee should not add line items. Rep. DeMordaunt stated GT should either be part of the formula or eliminated.

**Rep. McCrostie** said he did not think GT funding should be eliminated and that would be a major policy shift.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to remove the gifted and talented weight from the draft formula and make it a line item.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a substitute motion to eliminate all gifted and talented funding.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Kerby** made an amended substitute motion to leave the gifted and talented weight in the formula for grades K-6, funded subject to appropriation, up to 2% of 10% of all students.

**Elizabeth Bowen**, Principal Legislative Drafting Attorney, Legislative Services Office, clarified making the GT weight subject to appropriation would leave it as part of the formula, but not a mandated component.

**Rep. Berch** spoke in **opposition** to all the motions because they conveyed gifted and talented students don't need any extra help.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 5 NAY, 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Shepherd, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Wisniewski, McCrostie and Abernathy. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Ehardt, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond and Berch. Reps. Boyle and Moon were absent/excused.**

**Ms. Bowen** described the difference in minimum weights for economically disadvantaged, English language learner and special education between two different legislation drafts, 401 and 404 (see attachments 1 and 2). 401 mandates a minimum weight of 10% every year; 404 has a minimum weight of 10% for FY21, but no minimum weight beyond that.

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to adopt the language regarding student weights from 404, Section 7.a, b, and d.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. McCrostie** made a substitute motion to adopt the language from 404, Section 7.a, b and d, with the exception of "additional" in 7.a.i, 7.b.i, and 7.d.i. He stated his intention was to establish a floor of 10% weight, with any increase left to the Committee's discretion.

**Rep. Marshall** stated the germane committee, not JFAC, should make decisions regarding weight increases.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN:** **Rep. McCrostie** withdrew his substitute motion.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to remove the economic adjustment, also known as the wealth adjustment, weight found on page 11, lines 1-25 of the 401 draft. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to replace Section 5 of 401 with Section 5 of 404, thereby setting the hold harmless increase at 3% minimum and 5% maximum.

**Chairman Clow** and **Vice Chairman Kerby** spoke in **opposition** to the motion, stating 2 and 7.5% were used in all prior discussions and those percentages smooth the transition to the new funding formula and better prepare districts for the end of the implementation period.

**Rep. McCrostie** said he felt it was important 401 be the working draft and would vote no on the motion.

**Rep. Raymond** requested an explanation of the changes between drafts.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 9 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, DeMordaunt, Ehardt, Goesling and Abernathy. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Clow, Vice Chairman Kerby, Reps. Shepherd, Mendive, Marshall, Raymond, Wisniewski, McCrostie and Berch. Rep. Moon was absent/excused.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

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Representative Clow  
Chair

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Erica McGinnis  
Secretary