

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, July 28, 2005
Senate Hearing Room 1 -- 2:00 p.m.

Senator Verschoor called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Senator Mitchell	Senator Verschoor-CoChair	Ms. Collins
Mr. Fimbres	Representative McCune Davis	Ms. Bustillo
Mr. Bob Mitchell	Dr. DePrez	

Members Absent

Det. Morrow	Mr. Udall	Representative Anderson-CoChair
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Speakers Present

Rani Collins, School Safety and Prevention Program, Arizona Department of Education

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Verschoor stated that Mr. Robert Mitchell would assume the position of Mr. William Udall on the committee, as Mr. Udall had recently retired.

FUNDING UPDATE

Rani Collins, School Safety and Prevention Program, Arizona Department of Education, offered an update on funding, referring to the FY06 Funding Summary (Attachment 1). Senator Mitchell inquired as to why a school would elect not to renew. Ms. Collins explained there may be no need for an officer at that particular location so there would be no need to renew funding.

Ms. Collins discussed the FY 06 Awards Process (Attachment 2). Senator Verschoor pointed out that the dollar amount does not change when a school drops out of the program. Ms. Collins added that more money is paid out for officer salary and benefits. She referred to the FY 2006 Program Application Awards (Attachment 3). She pointed out that 42 of the districts have approval contingent on meeting training requirements or upon receipt of Cooperative Agreement Signature Pages.

Mr. Fimbres pointed out that the money will not be awarded until training requirements are met. Senator Verschoor asked if the high number of districts without training was common. Ms. Collins stated the number is average.

Motion was made that the committee approve all satisfactory application for fiscal year 06 as recommended by the Department of Education. The motion carried.

Motion was made that the deficient renewal application for fiscal year pending all requirements of ADES be adopted. The motion carried.

In response to inquiry from Senator Verschoor, Ms. Collins explained that one ramification of noncompliance would mean there would be no officer on campus and persistent noncompliance would lead to possible elimination from the program. She referred to the funding summary and pointed out that the average cost of retaining an officer is increasing. Although most of the cost will be expended, the primary concern is the cost of maintaining officers as well as the addition of new officers. She offered to create a noncompliance report in an effort to release those schools that are not operating as they should.

OVERVIEW OF THE FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION

The committee discussed the Law-Related Education Academy FY 2005-2006 Proposal (Attachment 4). It was pointed out that the crucial training is necessary for officers to be effective on campuses. Training is offered throughout the state, and currently 36 officers were recently attracted to the Yuma area. There are 30 sessions offered and many officers choose to attend more than one training session.

Motion was made for the approval of the contracted services for legal services and education. The motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

McCune Davis suggested a letter outlining the history of the program be prepared and signed by the committee.

Motion was made that the School Safety Program Oversight Committee recommend that the 47th Legislature Second Regular Session approve \$1.2 million to the School Safety Program as a result of the 2002 fund revision to the State General Fund. The motion carried.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Robyne Richards, Committee Secretary
September 13, 2005

(Original minutes, attachments and tape on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk)