

## ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

### SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Fifty-first Legislature - First Regular Session

Minutes of Interim Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2013

House Hearing Room 3 – 10:00 a.m.

Co-Chairman Yee called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

#### **Members Present**

Senator Kimberly Yee, Co-Chairman  
M. J. Bildner  
Rani Collins

Dr. Fred DePrez  
Brenda Flynn

#### **Members Absent**

Senator Linda Lopez  
Andy Swan  
William Udall

Representative Doris Goodale, Co-Chairman  
Representative Eric Meyer

#### **FY 2014 Appropriation and Legislation Summary**

Kody Kelleher, Senate Research Staff, explained during the Fifty-first Legislature, First Special Session, two bills were passed affecting the School Safety Program. HB2001 appropriated \$3,646,400 to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) for the School Safety Program and required that at least 25%, which is \$911,600, be spent on security hardware. HB2003 established a school emergency readiness pilot program and required \$100,000 of the \$3.6 million appropriation to be spent on that program. School districts are required to submit pilot program applications to ADE by September 30, 2013 and ADE is required to select three districts to participate by November 30, 2013. The selected districts must consist of no more than 31 individual school sites that meet certain population requirements. Districts that are selected are to be provided with a readiness and emergency management program that includes education specific emergency management software, training of teachers and administrators, and the development, implementation and maintenance of a comprehensive crisis plan. ADE is also required to submit a report summarizing pilot program results by November 1, 2014.

Discussion ensued relating to appropriation of the \$3.6 million deferring to school resource officers, pilot programs, security hardware, and the length of time for funding. Co-Chairman Yee asked questions regarding the disbursement of funds and clarification between the bills passed out of the Senate and the Governor's signed bills.

Chris Kotterman, Arizona Department of Education, answered Co-Chairman Yee's questions and concerns.

Jean Ajamie, Director, School Safety and Prevention, Arizona Department of Education, provided a summary of the signed budget bills (Attachment 1). She explained about the response from the Sandy Hook shooting (Attachment 2) and discussed an overview of the new legislation regarding the Security Hardware Appropriations and the Emergency Readiness Pilot program (Attachment 3).

Ms. Ajamie further explained the qualifications and implementation of the Emergency Pilot Program, the grant deadlines and described, in detail, the grant selection process at the request of Co-Chairman Yee.

Discussion ensued on the deadlines and expiration of funds in the fiscal years. Clarification was made by Kody Kehler about the funds reverting instead of reversing. He cited statute regarding lapsing appropriations: any appropriations that are made to the Department of Education for the School Safety Program are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to the lapsing of appropriations. All monies that are not used for an approved school safety plan during the fiscal year, for which the monies were appropriated, revert to the Department of Education for distribution to the program in the following fiscal year. Mr. Kehler reiterated that the 25% of the \$100,000 would have to be used by FY 2014, but the \$2.6 million could be used in subsequent fiscal years.

### **FY 2014 Funding Summary**

Jean Ajamie, Director, School Safety and Prevention, Arizona Department of Education, reviewed the FY 2014 Funding Summary (Attachment 4) and stated that the total revenue is \$11.8 million and requested a 5% increase for administrative expenses.

In response to Co-Chairman Yee's questions, Ms. Ajamie elaborated on the request for an increase of administrative expenses from 2% to 5%.

### **Consideration of FY 2014 Renewal Application Awards**

Jean Ajamie, Director, School Safety and Prevention, Arizona Department of Education, explained the School Safety Awards Program and recommended that since this is the third and final year of the contract, all awards except one, be continued (Attachment 5).

**Rani Collins moved that the School Safety Program Oversight Committee approve the FY 2014 renewal application award amount of \$8,347,582. The motion carried.**

**Assignment of Appeal Panel**

Co-Chairman Yee appointed Rani Collins, M.J. Bildner, Dr. Fred DePrez, Andy Swan, and Brenda Flynn to the Appeals Panel.

**Consideration of Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education Contract**

Joannie Delgado Collins, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, stated that the Foundation has been involved in the School Safety Program since 2000 and serves as the training contract provider of the officers for the program. She discussed the program and the services provided (Attachment 6).

**Rani Collins moved that the School Safety Program Oversight Committee approve renewal of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education for FY 2014 contract. The motion carried.**

Co-Chairman Yee addressed Dr. DePrez's concerns about the timing in addressing the request of the 5% administrative budget increase, which was not approved by the Committee at this time. She stated that a future meeting will need to be scheduled.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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Tracey Gardner, Committee Secretary  
July 31, 2014

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