

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

June 24, 2014

1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 1

Members Present:

Senator Kimberly Yee, Co-Chair
M.J. Bildner
Ernest Calderon
Rani Collins

Representative Doug Coleman, Co-Chair
Andy Swann

Members Absent:

Senator David Bradley

Representative Eric Meyer
Dr. Fred DePrez
Brenda Flynn

Staff:

Kody Kelleher, Senate Research Analyst
Bryan Durham, Senate Assistant Research Analyst

Co-Chair Yee called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Introduction of New Committee Members

Senator Yee asked each member to introduce themselves to the Committee.

Overview of School Safety Program and Oversight Committee

Kody Kelleher, Senate Research Analyst, provided an overview of the School Safety Program outlining the purpose, plan and requirements for participating schools. Mr. Kelleher also explained the goal of the School Safety Program Oversight Committee.

FY 2015 Funding Summary

Chris Kotterman, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Arizona Department of Education, explained the FY 2015 budget considerations for the School Safety Program and explained a handout to the Committee entitled "ADE School Safety Program FY15 Funding Summary" (Attachment A).

Mr. Kotterman answered questions from the Committee about the number of sites selected for the program and how many charter schools applied.

Consideration of FY 2015 Awards

Jean Ajamie, Director of School Safety and Prevention, Arizona Department of Education, provided an overview of the application award recommendations and explained a handout to the Committee entitled “FY15 School Safety Program Application Award Recommendations” (Attachment B). Ms. Ajamie answered questions from the Committee.

Further discussion focused on applications from rural school districts and outreach efforts.

Mr. Calderon moved that the School Safety Program Oversight Committee approve the FY 2015 application awards recommendations. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Consideration of Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education Contract

Joannie Collins, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, explained how the foundation provides support, technical assistance and law-related education for School Resource Officers (Attachment C). Ms. Collins also outlined the proposed service contract for FY 2015 and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Swann moved that the School Safety Program Oversight Committee approve the renewal of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education FY 2015 contract. The motion carried by voice vote.

Assignment of Appeal Panel

Senator Yee appointed Dr. Fred DePrez, Brenda Flynn and Ernest Calderon as members of the School Safety Program Oversight Committee Appeal Panel (Attachment D).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Ong
Committee Secretary

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