



## State of Colorado

### LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

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**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Representative Fields

**Re:** Request for interim study committee regarding teacher recruitment, preparation, retention

**Date:** 04/10/2015

#### Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study teacher recruitment, preparation, and retention during the interim between the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the “Teacher Recruitment, Preparation, and Retention Interim Study Committee.”

The interim study committee will need to **meet 6 times** to study the following policy issues:

- recruiting persons to the teaching profession;
- teacher preparation programs;
- teacher licensing;
- induction programs; and
- policies and programs for retaining teachers.

The interim study committee will need **5 bills** to address these issues. The interim study committee should consist of **8 members** of the General Assembly:

- 4 members of the Senate, with 3 appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and
- 4 members of the House of Representatives, with 3 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint the chair and the President of the Senate will appoint the vice-chair. The appointments must be made by July 1, 2015.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee, nor is a task force necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

### **Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request**

The following agencies may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee: the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The interim study committee will not conduct meetings outside of the Denver Metropolitan Area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.