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This letter reflects the authorization for the committee as approved by Legislative Council at its meeting on April 29, 2016.

Requested by: Representative Pettersen
With support of: Representative Wilson

Re: Request for interim study committee to study the Every Student Succeeds Act

Date: 04/29/2016

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

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study federal and state education policies, including the Every Student Succeeds Act, during the interim between the 2016 and 2017 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Interim Committee to Study the Every Student Succeeds Act."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- a general overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);
- transitioning Colorado from the requirements of No Child Left Behind and its associated waivers to the requirements of ESSA;
- additional indicator(s) required and/or permitted by ESSA; and
- ESSA's impact on the statewide accountability system.

The interim study committee would need to meet **5** times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of **6** members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- **3** members of the Senate, with **2** appointed by the President of the Senate and **1** appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- **3** members of the House of Representatives, with **2** appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and **1** appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair will be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the vice-chair will be appointed by the President of the Senate.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2016.

A task force is necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

The interim study committee will not need any bills to address the issues it studies.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

The interim study committee would not like to conduct any meetings outside of the Denver metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.