

## Joint Committee to Study the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education in the Commonwealth

Meeting Summary: May 8, 2017

The Joint Committee to Study the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education in the Commonwealth held its first meeting of the 2017 interim on Monday May 8, 2017 in House Room 3 of the Capitol. A quorum was present. The meeting consisted of two presentations and discussion of the 2017 work plan:

### Presentation: Overview and review of the committee:

Committee staff delivered a brief overview of the committee's history, membership, subcommittee structure, and work plan (including bills referred during the 2017 session).

### Presentation: Student growth measure pilot program (Budget item 137 G 1):

Shelley Loving-Ryder, Assistant Superintendent for Student Assessment & School Improvement at the Department of Education (Department), delivered an update on this pilot program to measure student growth. After a request for proposals, the Department selected two vendors to use a predictive model to measure student growth on Standards of Learning assessments in 8 selected school divisions. Each vendor uses a different statistical model, resulting in different speeds at which the student growth can be measured and reported (2-3 weeks vs. 6 weeks). The results will be available some time in July, and from there, the Department will determine whether the growth measure pilot can be expanded and which vendor to use, both of which are dependent upon cost and funding. Committee members expressed interest in receiving information on the results of the pilot when they are available and discussing the growth measure further to ensure that it sets a high standard.

### Work plan discussion:

Members expressed interest in further exploring the following items:

- Full-time virtual education.
- The Virtual Virginia full-time pilot program.
- Reducing statutory and budgetary burdens on local school divisions.
- Local school division flexibility.
- Local partnerships with institutions of higher education to provide professional development for teachers and school leaders.
- Restructuring interim and standing legislative commissions that deal with education-related issues.
- Addressing teacher shortages.