

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
JOINT MEETING  
HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

January 28, 2003

3:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Representative Peggy Wilson, Chair  
Representative Carl Gatto, Vice Chair  
Representative Cheryll Heinze  
Representative Paul Seaton  
Representative Kelly Wolf  
Representative Sharon Cissna  
Representative Mary Kapsner

HOUSE EDUCATION

Representative Carl Gatto, Chair  
Representative Paul Seaton, Vice Chair  
Representative Peggy Wilson  
Representative John Coghill  
Representative Kelly Wolf  
Representative Les Gara  
Representative Mary Kapsner

**OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT**

Representative James Holm  
Representative Gary Stevens  
Senator Bettye Davis

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION  
RE: NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

**TAPES**

03-01, SIDE(S) A & B [HOUSE HES TAPES]

03-02, SIDE(S) A

[Approximately 10 minutes of the hearing was not recorded due to technical difficulties; however, hard copies of the presentation are available.]

**CHAIR PEGGY WILSON** called the joint meeting of the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Education to order at 3:04 p.m. Present at the call to order from the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee were Representatives Wilson, Gatto, Seaton, Wolf, and Cissna. Representatives Heinze and Kapsner arrived as the meeting was in progress. Present at the call to order from the House Special Committee on Education were Representatives Gatto, Wilson, Seaton, Coghill, Wolf, and Gara. Representative Kapsner arrived as the meeting was in progress. Other legislators present were Representatives Holm and Stevens, and Senator Davis.

#### **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

ED McLAIN, Ed.D., Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development, gave an overview of the federal education reform legislation, the so-called No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Dr. McLain gave a brief history of federal and state reform efforts. He highlighted the mammoth size - 1,200 pages - and scope of the new legislation by touching on specific areas of interest and concern. These areas included the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the major focus of NCLB, Alaska's commitment to NCLB goals, needed statutory and regulatory revisions and timelines, NCLB's accountability system, and sanctions for schools with Title 1 funding.

ERIC MADSEN, Ph.D., Title 1 Administrator, Teaching and Learning Support, Department of Education and Early Development, continued the overview by highlighting other states' plans to meet NCLB's requirements, the State of Alaska's development and approval of Alaska's NCLB plan, challenges facing Alaska, school improvement sequences to meet NCLB's requirements, and Choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) requirements. He also briefly reviewed set-asides and parent notification of school improvement, minimum requirements and timelines for paraprofessionals and certified teachers, and the Department of Education and Early Development's guidance to school districts.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHAIR WILSON announced that on Thursday, January 30, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 124 there will be another meeting on No Child Left Behind during which Ken Meyer, Legislative Liaison to State Elected Officials, U.S. Department of Education, will be attending to address questions on NCLB.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the joint meeting between the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Special Committee on Education was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was recorded and handwritten log notes were taken. A copy of the tape(s) and log notes may be obtained by contacting the House Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2214, and after adjournment of the second session of the Twenty-Third Alaska State Legislature this information may be obtained by contacting the Legislative Reference Library at (907) 465-3808.