

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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February 13, 2014

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, February 13, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Rep. Richard Marek, Vice Chair
Rep. Patsy French
Rep. Robert Krebs
Rep. Linda Myers

Sen. Mark Macdonald, Chair
Sen. Margaret Flory
Sen. Robert Hartwell
Sen. Diane Snelling

Staff present:

Aaron Adler
Katie Pickens

Committee Counsel
Committee Assistant

The committee reviewed the following rules:

13-P45 – Agency of Commerce & Community Development, Department of Housing & Community Development/Definition of Downtown Development. This rule was held over from the February 6, 2014 committee meeting.

Noelle Mackay, Commissioner of the Department of Housing & Community Development, requested that the Committee delay action on the rule to allow further time for discussion with affected parties and the chairs of the standing committees of jurisdiction.

The committee agreed to defer action on the rule at this time and to place the rule on its March 13, 2014 meeting.

13-P34 – State Board of Education/Education Quality Standards. Jill Remick, Education Project Manager, and John Fischer, Deputy Commissioner, of the Agency of Education, jointly presented the rule to the committee. Ms. Remick outlined the background and history of the rule, and Mr. Fischer summarized the rule's major changes. Ms. Remick and Mr. Fischer responded to questions from the committee.

Tina Zuk, Government Relations Director VT, of the American Heart Association, advocated for a change to the education standards with respect to physical education, physical activity and nutrition in schools. Ms. Zuk responded to questions from the committee.

John Pelletier, Director, Center for Financial Literacy of Champlain College, and Tiffany Bluemle, Director of Vermont Works for Women, jointly requested that the rule's definition of economics be clarified to include personal finance. Mr. Pelletier responded to questions from the committee.

Janice Lange, President, VT Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, asked that quality physical education be addressed in the rule.

On a motion by Sen. Hartwell, the committee unanimously voted to defer action on the rule until its February 27th meeting to allow the parties time to resolve their differences.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for February 27, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

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