

MEMORANDUM

TO: Higher Education Subcommittee of the PreK-16 Council
FROM: Scott Giles
RE: Study of State Funding for Higher Education
DATE: July 10, 2015

Section E.608 of Act 58 charged the members of the PreK-16 Council's higher education subcommittee with developing "a proposal by which a portion of State funding for the Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont would be allocated based upon nationally recognized and established performance measures." The group is directed to meet no more than three times and present a "results based funding proposal" to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2015. I am attaching Section E. 608 for your reference.

Subject to agreement by the group and consistent with the Act, I anticipate that we will hold three meetings. The first meeting will include presentations by UVM and the VSC on data related to the non-exclusive list of performance measures described in the Act. I have also asked Martha Snyder, Senior Associate at HCM Strategists to join us by phone. Martha will brief us on models that have been employed by other states, best practices, and lessons learned from models that have not achieved desired results and or which have not been sustained.

The second meeting will allow members of the group to present and discuss specific performance-based funding models they believe should be utilized to allocate some or all of public funding to Vermont's public institutions of higher education. The third meeting will be used to complete our deliberations and achieve consensus on our recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

We will hold our first meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2015 from 10:30 to 12:30 in room 10 at the State House. Members unable to attend the meeting in person may call into the meeting using the following conference number—1-800-416-8128 PC 107857.

As background, I am attaching links to several reports related to performance/outcomes based funding models. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

<http://hcmstrategists.com/drivingoutcomes/>

<http://completecollege.org/higher-ed-outcomes-based-funding-design-principles-and-state-examples/>

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/higher-education/report/2012/08/07/12036/performance-based-funding-of-higher-education/>

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/ACTS/ACT058/ACT058%20As%20Enacted.pdf>