

DRAFT Minutes of Education Subcommittee of the Child Poverty Council

9/4/15

Meeting Date: 9/4/15, ~11:30-12:30

Subcommittee Members in Attendance

Rep. Jill Krowinski

Rep. Joey Donovan

Amy Fowler, Deputy Secretary of Education

Jean Murray, Vermont Legal Aid

Others Present

Marjorie Zunder and Donna Russo-Savage, Office of Legislative Council

Topics Discussed

- Potential legislation that would specifically identify the behaviors for which a superintendent or principal may expel a student
- Weighing the need to protect a student victim from further trauma caused by permitting the misbehaving student to return to the victim's environment soon after the infraction versus the harm that expulsion causes for the misbehaving student, who often has experienced trauma or lives in a traumatic situation
- The need for more data throughout the State regarding expulsion and suspension, including whether discipline is tied to race, ethnicity, socio-economic class, or time of year
- The AOE's education quality review process, which now includes assessments of school climate, including:
 - yearly data collection on: expulsion; suspension; use of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (*e.g.*, Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) and the national Schoolwide Integrated Framework for Transformation (SWIFT) initiative); and other indicators
 - AOE visits to schools, conducted every third year, to include conversations with administrators, educators, students, and parents
- Need for status update on SBE Rule 4500 – The Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Vermont Schools

Motions

No motions were made during the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Donna Russo-Savage, Legislative Counsel