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DATE: September 25, 2012  
TO: Legislative Finance Committee  
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RE: SJR 26 Report from ELG Staff

The following is the report submitted by Leanne Kurtz, staff of the interim Education and Local Government Committee (ELG), on a portion of committee SJR 26 related work.

ELG Activity: As provided in SJR 26, ELG's involvement focused on monitoring of K-12 education and the progress on "(1) implementing state actions to create a culture of effective data use and to improve student performance; and (2) goals and objectives on K-12, higher education, and P-20, including the role and mission of the Education and Local Government Interim Committee, which absorbed the Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget that was repealed in 1999."

The monitoring requested in SJR 26 was consistent with ELG's goals in collecting information on data systems and outcome-based education systems in other states as provided in the SJR 28 study of performance-based and outcome-based K-12 education. The committee also reviewed the Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures (SPGs) developed during the 2009-2010 interim by a subcommittee of ELG, along with representatives of the Office of Public Instruction, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and other education-related organizations.

Recommendation: ELG reaffirmed its agreement with the provisions of the SPGs and recommended more in-depth review of the components of the SPGs by the 2013-2014 ELG.