



125th Maine Legislature
Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Senator Brian D. Langley
Senate Chair

Representative David E. Richardson
House Chair

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Thursday, September 20, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.
Cross State Office Building, Room #202

1. Call to Order (Sen. Langley, Senate Chair and Rep. Richardson, House Chair)

- ❖ Introduction of Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Members

2. Report and Recommendations from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) on the Selection Process to Contract for an Independent Review of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Laws (Wendy Cherubini, Senior Analyst, OPEGA)

❖ Resolve 2011, chapter 166, "*Resolve, To Authorize the Legislature To Contract for an Independent Review to Evaluate the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act,*" directs the OPEGA, with the advice of the Independent Review Advisory Committee, to evaluate the proposals received in response to the RFP and to "present a ranking of or recommendations regarding the proposals" to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

3. Presentations from the 2 Qualified Research Entities* Recommended by OPEGA

- ❖ **Lawrence O. Picus & Associates** (Dr. Lawrence Picus, Managing Partner and Michael Griffith, Senior School Finance Analyst [in person], Education Commission of the States; with Dr. Allan Odden, Principal Partner [via phone])
- ❖ **American Institutes for Research** (Dr. Jay Chambers, Senior Research Fellow & Managing Director [in person]; with Dr. Jesse Levin, Senior Research Scientist and Ms. Jeimee Estrada, Policy Advisor [via phone])

[* Note: Each entity will have 20 minutes to present an overview of their proposal and to address specific questions discussed by the Advisory Committee and the OPEGA during their evaluation; and the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee will have 30 minutes for Q&A with each entity]

4. Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Review and Selection of the Proposal it Wishes to Accept (Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Members)

5. Presentation on the Next Generation Science Standards (Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE)

6. Review of the FY 2012-13 MEPRI Work Plan (Phil McCarthy, Senior Analyst, OPLA)

7. Adjournment