Education and Workforce Subcommittee May 22, 2020

Meeting Notes

Attendance:

- James Herbert, Chair
- Rep. Joshua Morris
- Dana Connors
- James Myall
- Angela Okafor
- Joe Cassidy
- Aisha Woodward

Public Attendance:

- 7 members

Introductions:

- Committee members introduced themselves
- James Herbert acknowledged and thanked members of public in attendance

Overview:

- Provided overview of the charge and process
- Not as bright of a line between “opening” and “support” with education institutions
- Opening education systems (K-12 and higher education) important to the whole economy
- Examples of topics we might tackle:
  - 14-day quarantine effect on college start dates
  - In-person training requirements for some professional career pathways
  - K-12 physical space and staffing needs
  - Support transition to work for immigrants – address licensing obstacles
  - Adequate state funding for public higher education institutions

Other Topics:

- There is a K-12 group working on similar recommendations
- These may be a licensing group working on streamlining processes

Homework:

- Committee members use the two sheets (process outline and economic plan summary) to think about topics to pursue and potential recommendations – send those recommendations to Holly Nass (hnass@une.edu) and Ed Cervone (ed.cervone@thomas.edu) by Wednesday, May 27.
- Maria Povec to gather any public input directed at this committee and share with group by Thursday, May 28.

Next Meeting:

- May 29, 2020 from 9am to 10am (Staff will send out invites next week)