

Legislative Proposal - Collaboration in Legislative Coverage in support of VSBA, VSA, VPA, VCSEA and VASBO

This initiative will establish a collaborative effort related to coverage of activities of the Vermont General Assembly for the period December 16 through the conclusion of the 2014 Legislative Session.

The initiative establishes a system of regular review of education-related legislation as it is introduced, with a more diligent monitoring of education-related legislation that is under active consideration by the General Assembly.

The initiative provides for the publication and distribution of periodic legislative reports for the members of the participating organizations.

The initiative provides for routine monitoring of daily activities within the relevant legislative committees when education-related legislation is under consideration.

The initiative relies on regular oversight of its component activities by designated representatives of the participating organizations and relies on scheduled meetings to 1) maintain an awareness of the efficacy of the arrangement, 2) discuss respective positions on legislation under active consideration and 3) serve as the editorial board for the legislative reports.

Principle Staff supporting this initiative are:

- 1) The Associate Director for Legal Services for the VSBA
- 2) An individual employed in the position of Legislative Monitor, VCSEA will be employer of record

Duties of the Associate Director for Legal Services:

- Produce a regular (approximately every seven work days) legislative report for distribution of members of the participating organizations
- Review newly-introduced education-related bills and conduct a preliminary assessment of the prospects for active consideration by the General Assembly.
- Provide a basic assessment of the presumed level of interest on the part of the participating organizations (as a collaborative).
- Provide a basic assessment of the presumed level of interest on the part of the participating organizations as individual entities.
- At the direction of the Collaborative, provide legislative testimony on the collective behalf of the Collaborative.
- Note: These duties reflect the obligation of the representatives of the participating organizations to be active contributors at regularly scheduled meetings (legislative review sessions).
- Produce a regular (approximately every seven work days) legislative report for distribution to members of the participating organizations.

Duties of the Legislative Monitor

- Monitor daily activities of the General Assembly - as assigned by the participating entities in a review meeting to consider the weekly legislative schedule.
- Monitor newly introduced education-related bills and current education-related legislation that is under active consideration by the General Assembly and provide the Associate Director for Legal Services with timely updates regarding new or newly active legislation.
- Provide reports on activities in committees of jurisdiction for education-related legislation.

Cost Sharing Proposal in Support of These Activities

Total direct cost to be shared: \$18,860

Planned Assessment allocation to VASBO \$2250