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NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING

DATE:

Monday, February 13, 2006

TIME:

1:00 PM

PLACE:

Conference Room 225

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>AGENDA</u>

SB 3275

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENTS FOR UNINSURED STUDENTS.

Establishes an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy relating to alcohol and other drugs. Makes appropriation.

SB 3273

RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

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Makes permanent provisions allowing a child who violates the zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol in public schools to return to school earlier than indicated in the original disciplinary determination following the completion of a substance abuse assessment and related treatment or counseling. Requires public schools to screen students facing substance abuse-related discipline to determine if there is a need for a substance abuse assessment referral. Requires the parent or legal guardian of a child facing discipline but who has been assessed as not needing treatment to consent to follow-up counseling for the child's family. Requires school administrators to review and determine the nature and severity of the child's offense, its impact on others, the offender's age, and whether the child is a repeat offender. Allows certified substance abuse counselors to conduct substance abuse assessments qualifying individuals for substance abuse-related insurance benefits. Requires assessments to be completed within ten days for children facing substance abuse-related school discipline.

SB 2505

MAKES APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENTS.

Extends adolescent school-based substance abuse treatment programs to middle and intermediate schools, giving priority to schools with the

greatest need. Makes appropriation.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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