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Daniel,

Good seeing you today – the attached documents contains some minimally invasive suggestions based on our earlier conversation. I also highlighted some dates originally drafted for 2017 that might make sense to move to 2018 based on a 2016 passage, 16-17 implementation, 2018 evaluation.

For data language, all I thought necessary was to add a date certain by which constituent agencies were to execute data sharing agreements to force the issue – 60 days after the core data is identified. We may want to talk when the next fiscal impact period starts – I'm not persuaded that Commerce needs the staffing detailed in the current statement if the Council identifies DEW and RFA as the principal collectors and analysts of data necessary to provide the objective evaluations listed in the bill.

For section 5, I wrote in a simple disqualification for apprenticeship credits authorized under §12-6-3477 to avoid duplications, but that language could just as easily be added to the existing section if desired. I chose against that approach for now because the apprenticeship credit offered in the bill connects to eligibility for job tax credits in another section of chapter 6 and we haven't covered the rationale for that eligibility linkage. The \$1,000 credit for apprenticeships in code now appears to apply to all employers, regardless of eligibility for other jobs-based incentives. I didn't want to muddle the two given the additional eligibility requirements proposed in the bill.

Finally, I simply struck through the individual tax credits per our earlier conversation. If you all are still interested in that approach at some point, I think stand-alone legislation could present an interesting opportunity for Higher Ed generally. We would need to talk through some of the details with DOR, but to the extent that individual university endowments are 501(c)(3)s, we may be able to tweak existing language to create a statewide scholarship (or facilities, program establishment, endowed chairs, the whole 9 yards) endowment built of a corpus based on tax-advantaged donations to promote job-focused training programs at institutions. Maybe even in exchange for some governance and financial concessions :)

Otherwise, I'll get to work on talking points and review what you have sent to Katherine.

Thanks,

Josh