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The House has been very education focused.

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**The House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force:**

*Established by the Speaker in January 2015*

*Chairman: Rep. Allison*

*17 committee members*

*5 subcommittees (listed below)*

*The full committee has met 4 times / subcommittees have met a total of 8 times*

*The Task Force expects to have a report to the Speaker with a comprehensive list of recommendations by the end of October/early November.*

*The task force 5 subcommittees:*

1. Transportation and Facilities Infrastructure
2. Accountability (Academic and Financial), Continuous Improvement, and Leadership (District, School, and Community)
3. Educator Recruitment, Retention, Effectiveness and Professional Development
4. College and Career Pathways of High Quality Learning Opportunities in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
5. High Quality Early Childhood Education and Family Engagement

**Higher Ed:**

**The Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee:**

The purpose of this ad hoc is to find the best way for South Carolina to have a strong and accountable higher education governing system. Members will use H. 3249, a bill to create the South Carolina College and University Board of Regents, as a vehicle for their findings.

**Ad Hoc Committee Members:** Rep. Bill Taylor, Chairman; Reps. Jeff Bradley, Robert Brown, Gary Clary, Raye Felder, Wayne George, Jeff Johnson, Harold Mitchell and Don Wells

**Meetings/Upcoming Meetings:**

1. On September 17: The committee heard a panel of experts from around the country in higher education.
2. On September 24: CHE presented as well as representatives of the Technical College system
  - Dr. Jimmie Williamson, Executive Director of the Technical College System Board discussed the governing structure of the board over the 16 colleges in the system. He discussed the functions of the board that are independent of CHE as well as where the board works cooperatively with CHE and its approval authority.
  - Tim Hofferth, Chairman of CHE, provided testimony that, at the board level, CHE has lost its way and lost its vision. Currently the board is working to provide clarity and a collective call to action.
3. October 6: College and University Presidents will present – to include Pastides and Clements
4. October 29: CHE will return with follow up regarding reorganization & public comment
5. November 12: Representatives from the Georgia Board of Regents will present & public comment

