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**House Appropriations Committee
Elementary & Secondary Subcommittee
Agenda**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Robert Tata, Chairman
Appropriations Room
3:30 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Chairman Tata

II. Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) - Department of Treasury

- Richard A. Davis, Public Finance Manager
- Evelyn R. Whitley, Director of Debt Management

III. Topics and Organization of Subcommittee Meetings for Session

- Susan Hogge, Appropriations staff

IV. Bills Before the Subcommittee

HB 419 (Marshall, R.G.) Educational programs; computation of composite index.

Summary as introduced:

Computation of composite index. Requires the General Assembly to reduce a county or city's composite index 0.0100 for every five hundred students with limited English proficiency attending public school in that county or city.

HB 878 (Loupassi) School divisions, local; requires 65% of each education dollar to be spent in classroom, report.

Summary as introduced:

Expenditures and reports on instructional spending. Requires each local school board to allocate 65 percent of its operating budget to instructional spending. Local school boards must report annually to the Board of Education the percentage of their operating budgets allocated to instructional spending. Any school division that fails to meet the 65 percent requirement must present a plan to the Board of Education to increase instructional spending by 0.5 percent in the following fiscal year. School divisions failing to submit such a plan must be audited by the Auditor of Public Accounts, who is required to submit recommendations to the Board, including instruction concerning how failing school divisions can increase their instructional spending to 65 percent. In addition, the Board must annually report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations the amount of spending allocated by the local school divisions to instructional spending based on the reports submitted annually by the local school boards.

V. **Adjournment**