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

**January 27, 2009
Robert Tata, Chairman
Appropriations Room
3:00 p.m.**

I. Average Teacher Salary Survey

- Kent C. Dickey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Virginia Department of Education

II. Required Local Effort Report

- Kent C. Dickey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Virginia Department of Education

III. 2008 Triennial School Census

- Kent C. Dickey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Virginia Department of Education

IV. Bills Before the Subcommittee

HB 1985 (O'Bannon) Autism Tuition Assistance Grant Program; established.

Establishes a tuition assistance grant program for students with autism. The program provides grants of no more than \$20,000 a year per student to a Virginia nonsectarian private school of choice for students identified as autistic and for whom individual education plans have been written.

HB 2104 (Janis) Students with Disabilities Tuition Assistance Grant Program; created.

Creates the Students with Disabilities Tuition Assistance Grant Program, to provide tuition assistance for attendance at an eligible private school for any K-12 student as defined by the Board of Education in its Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia who is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. "Autism spectrum disorder" means any pervasive developmental disorder, including (i) autistic disorder, (ii) Asperger's Syndrome, (iii) Rett syndrome, (iv) childhood disintegrative disorder, or (v) Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association. The amount of the grant shall be limited to \$36,000 per year.

V. Future meetings:

February 3, 2009

February 10, 2009