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Recommendations from Committee Concerning Special Education Funding Options

Option #1: Increase State Funding to 92% Level

- What are the year-over-year increases in addition to inflation increases to base aid?
- What percentage of IEP goals are met annually?
- What are true measures of accountability, specifically expenditures, and how do we eliminate subjectivity?
- What is the impact on taxpayers, other agencies, and the overall state budget with ongoing maintenance of effort requirements.

Option #2: Shift excess, above-Constitutional funding, to special education.

- What are the annual K-12 above-Constitutional funding expenditure totals?

Option #3: Amend Kansas Statute 72-3422

- Define expenditures
- Define formula for annual expenditure increases
- Amend statute to address lack of federal funding, cash carryover special education balances, crediting LOB (state and local), average per pupil funding and other variables
- Review other States and their funding formulas
- Review and implement changes recommended in Special Education Post Audit

Option #4: Re-establish the Special Education Taskforce with changes to KSA 72-3441

Please submit your recommendation choices. May rank and comment.