DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2020
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Marshall, Representatives Shepherd, Mendive, DeMordaunt, Moon, Abernathy, Berch
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None
GUESTS: Eric Studebaker, Lisa Colón Durham and Marilyn Whitney, SDE; Michele Carney

Chairman Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1901: Marilyn Whitney, Deputy Superintendent of Communications and Policy, State Department of Education (SDE), presented Docket No. 08-0202-1901 regarding suicide awareness and prevention training for school personnel.

In response to Committee questions, Ms. Whitney stated the Department works with districts around suicide ideation to help individuals recognize signs of potential suicide and to take action.

MOTION: Rep. Berch made a motion to recommend approval of Docket No. 08-0202-1901 to the full Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1902: Ms. Whitney presented Docket No. 08-0202-1902, regarding standards for certification and for incorporated by reference (IBR) documents in the omnibus docket. She said that the rules were negotiated by the Department and there were no comments given during the public comment period.

Lisa Colón Durham, Director of Certification and Professional Standards, SDE, stated that the changes to the docket included changing the date on the IBR documents. She provided information about the significant changes involving the core teaching standards and exceptional child specialists. Ms. Durham said other changes include adding an interim School Psychologist endorsement and providing clarity and flexibility to teachers seeking to add an additional endorsement.

Due to time constraints, Docket No. 08-0202-1902 will be carried over to the meeting of January 21st, 2020 at 8:00 am.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.