



## MLC Education & Workforce Development Committee

### *Workplan for 2023 - 2024*

**Co-Chairs:** Sen. Hearcel Craig, Ohio, and Rep. Joel Kitchens, Wisconsin  
**Vice Chair:** Sen. Heather Gustafson, Minnesota  
**MLC Staff:** Derek Cantù, Policy Analyst

#### **Mission/Goals**

Established in 2022, the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) Education and Workforce Development Committee provides a forum to discuss a myriad of education public policy issues — with a particular emphasis on improving the school-to-career pipeline. Building off of the previous work of the MLC Education and MLC Economic Development committees, this group provides an opportunity for state and provincial lawmakers from the Midwestern region to collaborate with one another, as well as highly regarded policy experts, on projects of mutual interest. Meetings and communications help legislators gain a better understanding of the legislative process and how policy issues are addressed in other regional states and provinces.

#### **Workplan**

- **Hold two committee meetings**, in conjunction with the 2023 and 2024 MLC Annual Meetings in Detroit, Michigan, and Columbus, Ohio respectively.
- **Identify opportunities for the committee to partner with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact** on issues of importance to Midwestern states and provinces; including meetings, webinars, research and/or reports.
- **Keep up-to-date on which education and workforce development topics are of greatest interest** to the committee and respective states.
- **Distribute quarterly newsletters** describing committee happenings and education & workforce development news of interest to the committee members.
- **Explore possible collaboration with other MLC committees** on topics of mutual interest to our members. Likely areas of collaboration could include reentry strategies and prison education reform with the MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, green job training with the MLC Energy & Environment Committee, and general collaborations with the Social Justice Forum.
- **Hold one or two webinars** on education and workforce development topics between in-person meetings.
- **Develop policy resolutions**, when appropriate, to submit to the MLC on issues related to education and workforce development.
- **Contribute articles** on committee activities or on issues of interest to committee members for the CSG Midwest monthly newsletter, *Stateline Midwest*.
- **Maintain a legislative tracker** of notable education and workforce development initiatives being debated in Midwestern legislative chambers on the committee's web page
- **Develop policy briefs** on issues of importance to Midwestern education and workforce development policy at least once per calendar year.

#### **Questions for consideration during July 2023 Meeting**

- What topics would committee members like to see as possible webinar subjects?
- Are there any kind of work products, i.e. research reports, data reports, state-by-state comparisons that committee members would be interested in?

| ACTIVITY  | TARGET DATE/<br>COMPLETED DATE                                 | ACTIVITY/UPDATES  | OUTCOMES/FUTURE<br>ACTIVITIES   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>2023 QUARTER 1 (Jan-Mar 2023)</b>                  |  |   |   |
| <b>Receive &amp; Welcome<br/>Committee Appointees</b> | As they were received/<br>Ongoing                              | Most recent appointments<br>received in early June  | Roster is mostly<br>finalized and posted on<br>the committee<br>webpage               |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>                             | February 3   | Article related to state K-12<br>education governance<br>structures   | Article was published in<br><i>Stateline</i> and available<br>on the CSG website      |
| <b>2023 QUARTER 2 (Apr – Jun 2023)</b>                |  |   |   |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>                             | March 31 & June  | Article related to education<br>savings accounts & an<br>article related to an Indiana<br>work-based learning<br>initiative                             | Articles were published<br>in <i>Stateline</i> and<br>available on the CSG<br>website |
| <b>Planning for MLC Annual<br/>Meeting</b>            | Prior to MLC Meeting   | Determined topics and<br>secured speakers for<br>committee meeting and<br>committee sponsored<br>session  | To be held Sunday, July<br>9 and Monday, July 10                                      |
| <b>Develop Policy Brief</b>                           | To be distributed by the<br>end of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter | White paper related to<br>Midwestern responses to<br>the national teacher<br>shortage, and highlight<br>strategies meant to<br>recruit/retain educators |   |
| <b>2023 QUARTER 3 (Jul-Sep 2023)</b>                  |  |   |   |
| <b>Committee Meeting in<br/>Detroit</b>               | July 9   | Guest presentation on the<br>state of higher education in<br>the Midwest, followed by<br>roundtable discussion  |   |
| <b>Committee Sponsored<br/>Session in Detroit</b>     | July 10  | Presentation on a<br>Michigan-based employer-<br>led collaborative initiative   |   |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>                             | August 1   | Summary of the committee<br>sponsored session   |   |
| <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>                           | August   |   |   |
| <b>Distribute Policy Brief</b>                        | By the end of the<br>quarter                                   | White paper related to<br>Midwestern responses to<br>the national teacher<br>shortage, and highlight  |   |

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|  |                            | strategies meant to recruit/retain educators   |  |
| <b>2023 QUARTER 4 (Oct-Dec 2023)</b>   |                            |  |  |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>              | Sep/Oct & Nov/Dec editions |  |  |
| <b>Launch Legislative Tracker</b>      | By end of quarter          |  |  |
| <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>            | October                    |  |  |
| <b>Fall Committee Convening</b>        | TBD                        | Develop an education-related session(s) for the MLC Social Justice Forum in-person meeting |  |
| <b>2024 QUARTER 1 (Jan-Mar 2024)</b>   |                            |  |  |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>              | TBD                        |  |  |
| <b>Legislative Tracker Update</b>      | Throughout quarter         |  |  |
| <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>            | January                    |  |  |
| <b>2024 QUARTER 2 (Apr-Jun 2024)</b>   |                            |  |  |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>              | TBD                        |  |  |
| <b>Legislative Tracker Update</b>      | Throughout quarter         |  |  |
| <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>            | April                      |  |  |
| <b>Planning for MLC Annual Meeting</b> | Prior to MLC Meeting       | Determine topics and secure speakers for committee meeting and committee sponsored session |  |

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| <b>Develop Policy Brief</b>                    | To be distributed at the annual conference meeting |  |  |
| <b>2024 QUARTER 3 (Jul-Sep 2024)</b>           |  |  |  |
| <b>Committee Meeting in Columbus</b>           | July 21  |  |  |
| <b>Committee Sponsored Session in Columbus</b> | TBD  |  |  |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>                      | August   | Summary of the committee sponsored session |  |
| <b>Legislative Tracker Update</b>              | Throughout quarter                                 |  |  |
| <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>                    | August   |  |  |
| <b>2024 QUARTER 4 (Oct-Dec 2024)</b>           |  |  |  |
| <b>Committee Articles</b>                      | TBD  |  |  |
| <b>Legislative Tracker Update</b>              | Throughout quarter                                 |  |  |
| <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>                    | October  |  |  |
| <b>Fall Committee Webinar</b>                  | TBD  |  |  |