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GPL STANDING COMMITTEE HOLDS CRITICAL MEETING ON GAUTENG EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS FOLLOWING RECENT LEARNER DEATHS


The Gauteng Provincial Legislature's (GPL) Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation (CSSL) convened a crucial meeting today with the Gauteng Department of Education to discuss pressing issues stemming from the Gauteng Regulations on Domestic and International Tours for Learners in Public Schools, 2012.

The meeting was held in response to the recent tragic drowning of two learners from Daveyton Skills School in Benoni.

The meeting which took place to at the GPL was aimed at addressing the challenges the Department of Education faces in implementing these regulations, which were introduced to ensure the safety of learners on school excursions. With a focus on improving post-legislative oversight, the Committee sought to ensure that all necessary steps are being taken to prevent future tragedies.

The Department of Education presented findings on the circumstances surrounding the learner deaths and shared insights into the ongoing issues impacting the regulation's implementation.

Chairperson the Committee Honourable Matshidiso Mfikoe emphasized the importance of conducting due diligence in safeguarding the lives of Gauteng learners,



stating, "We must do everything within our power to ensure that our regulations are followed and strengthened where necessary to prevent further loss of life."

The GPL remains committed to supporting the Department of Education in addressing the gaps in the current regulations and taking swift action to ensure the safety of learners in Gauteng.

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