



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 91**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5406

*House of Representatives, March 21, 2002*

The Committee on Education reported through REP. STAPLES of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BEST PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the beginning educator support and training program. Such  
3 study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the  
4 effectiveness of the beginning educator support and training program  
5 in providing beginning teachers with opportunities to strengthen their  
6 knowledge of subject matter and instructional strategies, enhancing  
7 beginning teachers' understanding of students as learners and  
8 ensuring that beginning teachers begin a process of lifelong learning  
9 and professional growth.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;

18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

19 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

20 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
23 of the General Assembly.

24 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
26 filled by the appointing authority.

27 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
28 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
29 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
30 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no  
31 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

32 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
34 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

35 (g) Not later than January 1, 2003, the task force shall report, in  
36 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
37 its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
38 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
39 education. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits  
40 such report or January 1, 2003, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Education, Dept.; Legislative Mgmt.	Minimal	Minimal	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study the beginning educator support and training program and make recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003. The bill appoints the Commissioner of Education, or his designee to serve on the task force which will have no fiscal impact on the agency. To the extent that members of the General Assembly are appointed to the task force, the Joint Committee on Legislative Management will incur a minimal cost. A total cost of less than \$5,000 may result from mileage reimbursement to legislators in traveling to and from panel meetings, public hearings and regional forums. Legislators are currently reimbursed 34 ½ cents per mile. Considering that legislators may be traveling to and from the capitol on other legislative business, any additional cost due to an increased number of reimbursed trips could be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of the department. The bill requires the Education Committee staff to serve as the administrative staff for the task force, which may result in a workload reallocation.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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