



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5723

House of Representatives, April 23, 2003

The Committee on Education reported through REP. GIANNAROS of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services
3 and the Executive Director of the Commission on Children, shall
4 establish an after school committee.

5 (b) The after school committee shall be appointed jointly by said
6 commissioners and executive director and shall include, but not be
7 limited to, persons having expertise in after school programs, after
8 school program providers, local elected officials, members of
9 community agencies, members of the business community and
10 professional educators.

11 (c) The after school committee shall report on and make
12 recommendations, including, but not be limited to, the following: (1)
13 Identification of existing state, federal and private resources to support

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:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$20,000	\$20,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill will result in a cost of \$20,000 to the State Department of Education. This cost is the result of needing a one-quarter position to coordinate the report and meetings concerning after school programs. The FY 04 and FY 05 budgets as recommended by the governor do not contain sufficient funds or flexibility to meet the requirements of the bill.

The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The total fringe benefit reimbursement rate as a percentage of payroll is 40.21%, effective July 1, 2002. However, first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs lowering the rate to 18.81% in FY 04. The state’s pension contribution is based upon the prior year’s certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the education commissioner to establish an after school committee, in consultation with the social services commissioner and Children's Commission executive director. The three must jointly appoint the committee's members who must include people who operate, or are experts in, after school programs, local elected officials, members of community agencies, business people, and professional educators.

The committee must report and make recommendations on:

1. existing government resources to support after school programs,
2. ways to improve goal setting and coordination among state agencies so as to achieve efficiencies and encourage training and local technical assistance for after school programs,
3. best practices,
4. ways to encourage community-based providers that reflect diversity in neighborhoods and populations,
5. professional development and joint training (the bill does not say who might participate in such training),
6. establishing short- and long-term goals and a timetable to implement an unspecified plan,
7. ways to address barriers to after school programs, and
8. a public and private governance structure that ensures after school programs are sustainable.

The bill requires the committee to report by January 1, 2004. It allows

the education commissioner to seek and accept private funds to implement its provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0