



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5841

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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 DONATION OF TEACHING SERVICES BY PRIVATE SECTOR SPECIALISTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-21c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2003*):

4 (a) Any local or regional board of education [which] that has a
5 demonstrated shortage of certified teachers in those fields designated
6 by the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of section
7 10a-163 or that elects to expand the academic offerings to students in
8 the areas identified by the Labor Commissioner and the Office of
9 Workforce Competitiveness pursuant to the provisions of section 4-
10 124w may solicit and accept qualified private sector specialists, not
11 necessarily certified to teach, whose services to teach in shortage areas
12 have been donated by business firms, as defined in section 12-631.
13 Private sector specialists who donate their services may be permitted

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Allowing local and regional school districts to hire qualified private sector specialists as provided in the bill will have no fiscal upon the state as such employees will not be eligible for teachers' retirement benefits as they are not certified.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes local or regional boards of education that elect to expand academic offerings in areas identified as workforce shortage areas to solicit and use qualified private sector specialists, whether or not they are certified to teach, as long as the private sector specialist does not have sole responsibility for a classroom. By law, the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, after consultation with the labor department, must annually submit to the governor and designated legislative committees a report indicating the forecasted workforce shortage areas for the succeeding two- and five-year periods.

Currently, a board of education may use qualified private sector specialists when it has a demonstrated shortage of qualified teachers in fields designated by the State Board of Education as teacher shortage areas. Services must be donated, but a private sector specialist may not work more than one-half of the maximum classroom hours of a full-time certified teacher. Also, by law, (1) no certified teacher may be terminated, transferred, or reassigned due to the use of a private sector specialist and (2) boards of education must annually review the need for private sector specialists and may not renew or place a private sector specialist if a certified teacher is available.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 21 Nay 0

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 28 Nay 0