



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 423**

*January Session, 2005*

Senate Bill No. 1316

*Senate, April 19, 2005*

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM REFORM.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2005, the  
2 Department of Education shall establish a Connecticut Blue Ribbon  
3 Commission on High School Curriculum Reform comprised of  
4 teachers, administrators, business leaders, higher education officials,  
5 vocational-technical school representatives, policymakers, parents and  
6 students to study how high schools in this state can be redesigned to  
7 become more rigorous and better connected to the needs of the  
8 workplace and academic demands of higher education by providing  
9 for more opportunities for students to have access to: (1) College  
10 credits while in secondary school, (2) industry-recognized certification  
11 before graduation, (3) voluntary remedial courses in core subjects  
12 when a student underperforms. The task force shall also study  
13 strategies to better align the high school curriculum with the demands  
14 of the higher education system and the curricula of middle schools.  
15 Not later than February 1, 2006, the task force shall report its findings,

16 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
17 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
18 having cognizance of matters relating to education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ED**      *Joint Favorable*

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:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$10,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill results in an estimated state cost of \$10,000 in FY 06 due to the creation of a study committee on school curriculum. Costs are related to data collection, analysis and reporting required of the commission. Funding for this commission is not included in the budget as proposed by the governor.

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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

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