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Substitute House Bill No. 7347

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The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (15) and (16) of section 10-262f of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

4 (15) "Mastery percentage" of a town for any [examination] school
5 year means, using the mastery test data of record for the examination
6 [year] administered in such year, the number obtained by dividing (A)
7 the total number of valid tests with scores below the state-wide
8 standard for remedial assistance as determined by the Department of
9 Education in each subject of the examinations pursuant to subdivisions
10 (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-14n taken by resident
11 students, by (B) the total number of such valid tests taken by such
12 students.

13 (16) "Mastery test data of record" means (A) for any examination
14 [year means] administered prior to the 2005-2006 school year, the data

15 of record on the April thirtieth subsequent to the administration of the
 16 examinations pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of
 17 section 10-14n, except that school districts may, not later than the
 18 March first following the administration of an examination, file a
 19 request with the Department of Education for an adjustment of the
 20 mastery test data from such examination, and (B) for examinations
 21 administered in the 2005-2006 school year and each school year
 22 thereafter, the data of record on the December thirty-first subsequent
 23 to the administration of the examinations pursuant to subdivisions (1)
 24 and (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-14n, or such data adjusted by the
 25 Department of Education pursuant to a request by a local or regional
 26 board of education for an adjustment of the mastery test data from
 27 such examination filed with the department not later than the
 28 November thirtieth following the administration of the examination.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Each local and regional board of
 30 education may require any high school under its jurisdiction that hosts
 31 an informational forum concerning college preparation or the college
 32 admission process to which parents and guardians of students are
 33 invited to provide such parents and guardians with information about
 34 the optional nature of some surveys and questions that accompany
 35 examinations taken for college admission. The information provided to
 36 parents and guardians shall include a warning that the release of
 37 personal identifying information, as defined in subsection (b) of
 38 section 53a-129a of the general statutes, may increase a student's
 39 vulnerability to identify theft.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	10-262f(15) and (16)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2007	New section

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

Section 2 of the bill may result in a minimal cost to local and regional school districts should they choose to provide information concerning identity theft with regard to the college preparation or college admission process and their related forms. The minimal cost would be related to providing additional written material beyond which they already provide. Such costs would be small enough to be absorbable by any school district choosing to provide the information.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill:

1. revises the timetable for compiling mastery test data used to calculate each district's mastery percentage to reflect the change in the grade 3-8 mastery test schedule from fall to spring, and
2. allows school boards to provide certain information about surveys that accompany college admission exams to parents and guardians who attend college fairs at high schools under their jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

MASTERY TEST DATA

In 2005, the General Assembly shifted the schedule for administering state mastery tests for grades 3 through 8 from the fall to the spring. The change took effect in the 2005-06 school year. This bill makes a conforming change in the timetable for compiling mastery test data from tests administered in the 2005-06 and subsequent school years. The data is used to calculate each district's "mastery percentage," which is one factor that determines educational need for the student weightings in the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula.

For mastery tests administered in the 2005-06 school year and after, the bill requires the State Department of Education to use mastery data on record as of the December 31st, rather than the April 30th, following the test. It retains school districts' existing authority to ask for

adjustments in their data but requires them to do so by the November 30th, rather than the March 31st, following the test.

NOTICE REGARDING SURVEYS ACCOMPANYING COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS

The bill authorizes school boards to require their high schools that host college preparation or admissions forums that parents and guardians may attend to provide information to the parents or guardians that says responding to surveys that accompany the admission exams is optional. It also requires the information to include a warning that releasing personal identifying information can increase a student's risk of identity theft.

Personal identifying information includes name; date of birth; mother's maiden name; ID numbers on various government documents such as drivers' licenses, passports, or Social Security cards; and bank card ID numbers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/29/2007)