



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 782**

*January Session, 2007*

Substitute House Bill No. 7357

*House of Representatives, May 7, 2007*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING PARAEDUCATORS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of  
2 Education, through the State Education Resource Center and within  
3 available appropriations for such purposes, shall promote and  
4 encourage professional development activities for school  
5 paraprofessionals with instructional responsibilities. Such activities  
6 may include, but shall not be limited to, providing local and regional  
7 boards of education with training modules and curricula for  
8 professional development for paraprofessionals and assisting boards  
9 of education in the effective use of paraprofessionals and the  
10 development of strategies to improve communications between  
11 teachers and paraprofessionals in the provision of effective student  
12 instruction.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Not later than December 1, 2008, the  
14 department shall report and make recommendations to the joint  
15 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	90,000	90,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Cost	56,000	56,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill results in a cost to the State Department of Education of approximately \$90,000 plus fringe benefit costs within the State Comptroller’s Office.<sup>1</sup> This cost is associated with the needed personnel with expertise in professional development for paraeducators.

**The Out Years**

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

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<sup>1</sup> The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated first year fringe benefit rate for a new employee as a percentage of average salary is 25.8%, effective July 1, 2006. The first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs. The state’s pension contribution is based upon the prior year’s certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System (SERS). The SERS 2006-07 fringe benefit rate is 34.4%, which when combined with the non pension fringe benefit rate totals 60.2%.

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**OFA Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Education, through the State Education Resource Center to promote and encourage professional development activities for school paraprofessionals with instructional responsibilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/26/2007)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 48 Nay 0 (04/19/2007)