



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 621

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Substitute House Bill No. 5591

House of Representatives, April 15, 2008

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 HEALTHY TEENS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of
2 Education shall establish, within available appropriations, a healthy
3 teens education grant program. Local and regional boards of education
4 may apply for a grant to the department at such time and in such
5 manner as the Commissioner of Education prescribes. Any local or
6 regional board of education receiving a grant under this section shall
7 use such funding (1) to develop, review and approve medically
8 accurate health education that implements curriculum guides
9 developed pursuant to section 10-16c of the general statutes, as
10 amended by this act, (2) to develop, review and approve methods of
11 professional development for staff who will teach such curriculum,
12 and (3) to offer appropriate training for teachers and parents and
13 guardians in parent-child communication strategies.

14 Sec. 2. Section 10-16c of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	5,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands health education curriculum to include methods for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. It is estimated that the State Department of Education (SDE) would require \$5,000 to hire a consultant to provide expertise in expanding the curriculum.

Additionally, the bill requires SDE to develop a healthy teens education grant program. The local and regional boards of education receiving these grants must use the money (1) to develop and implement medically accurate health education curriculum, (2) for professional development of staff responsible for teaching health education, and (3) to offer parent-child communication strategies for teachers, parents, and guardians.

sHB 5021, the budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes \$500,000 for the purposes of establishing a healthy teens education grant program.

The Out Years

The cost associated with hiring the consultant is one-time in nature.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to expand its family life education curriculum guides for school districts to cover ways to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. By law, the guides must already cover family planning (but not abortion as an alternative); human sexuality; parenting; nutrition; and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic, and social aspects of family life.

The bill also requires the State Department of Education, within available appropriations, to establish a Healthy Teens grant program to help school districts implement the guides. Districts must use the grants to (1) develop, review, and approve medically accurate health education that implements the guides; (2) develop, review, and approve professional development for staff teaching the district's family life education curriculum; and (3) offer appropriate training in parent-child communication to teachers, parents, and guardians. It allows local and regional boards of education to apply for the grants as the education commissioner prescribes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 24 Nay 6 (03/17/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 47 Nay 4 (04/01/2008)