



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 613

Senate, April 7, 2008

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

AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY SCHOOL SCHEDULING ISSUES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study school scheduling issues. Such study shall include, but not be
3 limited to, consideration of a uniform state-wide (1) school calendar;
4 (2) school start date and daily start time; and (3) number of school days
5 per year.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9 relating to education, or their designees;

10 (2) Three appointed by the House of Representatives' chairperson of
11 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
12 cognizance of matters relating to education, one of whom shall be a

13 member of the Connecticut Education Association, one of whom shall
14 be a member of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education,
15 and one of whom shall be a member of a parent teacher organization
16 for a local or regional school district; and

17 (3) Three appointed by the Senate's chairperson of the joint standing
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to education, one of whom shall be a member of the
20 Connecticut chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, one of
21 whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Association of Public
22 School Superintendents, and one of whom shall be a member of the
23 Connecticut Parent Teacher Association.

24 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
26 filled by the appointing authority.

27 (d) The chairpersons of the task force shall be the chairpersons of
28 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
29 cognizance of matters relating to education, or their designees. The
30 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which
31 shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of this
32 section.

33 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
35 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (f) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall report, in
37 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
38 its findings and any legislative recommendations to the joint standing
39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
40 relating to education. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
41 submits such report or January 1, 2009, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$
Legislative Management	GF - Cost	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to study school scheduling issues. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Education Committee by January 1, 2009.

The bill appoints the chairpersons and ranking members of the Education Committee to the task force and requires the committee’s staff to provide administrative assistance. The Office of Legislative Management would incur minimal costs associated with mileage reimbursement of 50.5 cents per mile for legislators participating on the task force.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

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