



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 739**

February Session, 2008

Substitute Senate Bill No. 613

*Senate, April 28, 2008*

The Committee on Legislative Management reported through SEN. WILLIAMS, D. of the 29th 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 and the Commissioner of  
10 Education, or the commissioner's designee;

11 (2) Two appointed by the House of Representatives chairperson of  
12 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

13 cognizance of matters relating to education, one of whom shall be a  
14 member of the Connecticut Education Association and one of whom  
15 shall be a member of the Connecticut Association of Boards of  
16 Education;

17 (3) Two appointed by the Senate 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 and one  
21 of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Association of Public  
22 School Superintendents;

23 (4) One appointed by the House of Representatives ranking member  
24 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
25 cognizance of matters relating to education, who shall be a member of  
26 a parent teacher organization for a local or regional school district;

27 (5) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint  
28 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
29 matters relating to education, who shall be a member of the  
30 Connecticut Parent Teacher Association; and

31 (6) One member appointed by the Governor.

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

35 (d) The chairpersons of the task force shall be the chairpersons of  
36 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
37 cognizance of matters relating to education, or their designees. The  
38 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which  
39 shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
40 section.

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

44 (f) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall report, in  
45 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
46 its findings and any legislative recommendations to the joint standing  
47 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
48 relating to education. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
49 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

**LM**      *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.

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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 Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 4 (03/17/2008)

Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 4 (04/21/2008)