



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 613

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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

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