



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 589**

January Session, 2009

Substitute House Bill No. 6571

*House of Representatives, April 9, 2009*

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS ISSUES IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The State Board of Education  
2 may authorize regional educational service centers or the Connecticut  
3 Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology to  
4 serve as impartial convening agents for organizations, teachers,  
5 administrators, school officials, policymakers, parents and students to  
6 foster, promote, study, report and make recommendations to the board  
7 on education issues relating to science, technology, engineering and  
8 mathematics in Connecticut.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
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**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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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 House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill, which allows the State Board of Education (SBE) to authorize regional educational service centers (RESCs) or the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science, and Technology to serve as impartial convening agents for various entities to make recommendations to SBE on various education issues, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6571*****AN ACT CONCERNING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS ISSUES IN CONNECTICUT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the State Board of Education (SBE) to authorize regional educational service centers (RESCs) or the Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology to serve as impartial convening agents for organizations, teachers, administrators, school officials, policymakers, parents, and students to foster, promote, study, report, and make recommendations to SBE on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education issues in Connecticut. The bill does not define "impartial convening agent."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**BACKGROUND*****Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology***

According to its web site, the academy was created in 1991 as an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation through a partnership with the Governor's Office; Connecticut State departments of Education, Higher Education, and Economic Development; and the Legislature. The Academy's purpose was to serve as an impartial convening agent, advocate, and catalyst for mathematics, science, and technology.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/23/2009)