



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 121**

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Senate Bill No. 933

*Senate, March 21, 2011*

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-145 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (a) No teacher, supervisor, administrator, special service staff  
5 member or school superintendent, except as provided for in section 10-  
6 157, shall be employed in any of the schools of any local or regional  
7 board of education unless such person possesses an appropriate state  
8 certificate, nor shall any such person be entitled to any salary unless  
9 such person can produce such certificate dated previous to or the first  
10 day of employment, except as provided for in section 10-157; provided  
11 nothing [herein contained] in this subsection shall be construed to  
12 prevent the board of education from prescribing qualifications  
13 additional to those prescribed by the regulations of the State Board of  
14 Education and provided nothing [herein contained] in this subsection  
15 shall be construed to prevent any local or regional board of education

16 from contracting with a licensed drivers' school approved by the  
17 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction  
18 of a driver instruction course, to be given by driving instructors  
19 licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. No person shall be  
20 employed in any of the schools of any local or regional board of  
21 education as a substitute teacher unless such person holds a bachelor's  
22 degree, [except that for the school year commencing July 1, 2009, such  
23 requirement shall not apply to those persons employed by a local or  
24 regional board of education in the same assignment for ten or fewer  
25 school days] provided the Commissioner of Education may waive such  
26 requirement for good cause upon the request of a superintendent of  
27 schools.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-145(a)

**ED**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which restores the education commissioner's authority to waive the statutory requirement that substitute teachers have at least a bachelor's degree, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 933*****AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill restores the education commissioner's authority, eliminated in 2009, to waive the statutory requirement that substitute teachers employed by local and regional boards of education have at least a bachelor's degree. It allows the commissioner to waive the requirement for good cause at the request of a school superintendent.

The bill also eliminates an obsolete provision, applicable for the 2009-2010 school year, that allowed school districts to employ substitute teachers without bachelor's degrees for assignments lasting 10 or fewer school days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**BACKGROUND*****Substitute Teacher Authorization***

State Board of Education regulations require school districts to request a substitute teacher authorization from the education commissioner before employing, for more than 40 school days in the same assignment, a substitute teacher who lacks the proper teaching certificate for the subject and grade the substitute is teaching.

To receive authorization, (1) the substitute must have at least 12 semester hours of credit in the subject or elementary grades to be taught and (2) the employing school board must attest that no properly certified teacher is available for the position (Conn. Agencies Reg., § 10-145d-420).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/02/2011)