



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 312**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1139

*Senate, March 31, 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 substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULTS ON TEACHERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-233g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) Where there is a physical assault made by a student upon a  
4 teacher or other school employee on school property or in performance  
5 of school duties and such teacher or employee files a written report  
6 with the school principal based upon such assault, the school building  
7 principal shall report such physical assault to the local police authority.

8 (b) No school administrator shall interfere with the right of a teacher  
9 or other employee of a board of education to file a complaint with the  
10 local police authority in cases of threats of physical violence and in  
11 cases of physical assaults by a student against such teacher or  
12 employee.

13 (c) Any principal required to report under the provisions of

14 subsection (a) of this section who fails to make such report to the local  
 15 police authority shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor  
 16 more than two thousand five hundred dollars and shall be required to  
 17 participate in an educational and training program pursuant to  
 18 subsection (d) of this section.

19 (d) Any principal required to report under the provisions of  
 20 subsection (a) of this section who fails to make such report to the local  
 21 police authority shall be required to participate in an educational and  
 22 training program established by the Commissioner of Education. The  
 23 program may be provided by one or more private organizations  
 24 approved by the commissioner, provided the entire costs of the  
 25 program shall be paid from fees charged to the participants, the  
 26 amount of which shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	10-233g

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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.

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>	<b>FY 13 \$</b>
Education, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Less than \$10,000	Less than \$10,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill could result in additional revenue to the State Department of Education (SDE) as it allows for principals who do not report incidents of physical assaults made on teachers and school employees, to be fined. Principals who do not report on these incidents will be fined between \$500 and \$2,500, and are required to participate in a training program. The training program will be funded with dollars collected from fees.

During the 2009-2010 school year there were 1,337 reported incidents (statewide) of assaults on teachers and school employees. It is anticipated that the majority of these incidents would be reported, resulting in only a minimal revenue gain, of less than \$10,000, to SDE.

#### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the rate of unreported incidents.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1139*****AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULTS ON TEACHERS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, school principals must report student assaults on teachers and school employees to local police. For principals who fail to do so, this bill (1) imposes a penalty of from \$500 to \$2,500 and (2) requires them to participate in an educational and training program.

The bill requires the education commissioner to establish an educational and training program for principals who fail to make the required reports. It allows the program to be provided by private organizations the commissioner approves. The program must be supported entirely by fees from participants and the commissioner must approve the fees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/17/2011)