



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5266

House of Representatives, March 31, 2022

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. CURREY of the 11th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT WORK RELEASE POLICIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2023, the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Chief
3 Workforce Officer, the executive director of the Technical Education and
4 Career System and the Labor Commissioner, shall develop a model
5 student work release policy. Not later than January 1, 2023, the
6 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
7 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding such model student work release
8 policy to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
9 cognizance of matters relating to education, commerce and labor.

10 (b) The commissioner may update the model student work release
11 policy developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as needed.
12 The commissioner shall notify each local and regional board of
13 education of such updated model student work release policy.

14 (c) Not later than July 1, 2023, the commissioner shall issue

15 recommendations to each local and regional board of education
16 regarding the adoption of a student work release policy that differs from
17 the model student work release policy.

18 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, and each school year
19 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall (1) adopt the
20 model student work release policy developed pursuant to subsection (a)
21 of this section or the most recent updated model student work release
22 policy developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (2) adopt
23 a student work release policy based on the recommendations issued
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any local or regional board of
25 education that adopts a student work release policy pursuant to
26 subdivision (2) of this subsection shall submit such policy to the
27 Commissioner of Education for approval in a form and manner
28 prescribed by said commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

CE *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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	up to 90,000	none

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Commissioner of Education to develop a model student work release policy, results in a cost of up to \$90,000 in FY 23 for a durational Educational Consultant. The State Department of Education currently does not have the staff available within the Academic Office to complete the tasks contained within this bill. The cost is one-time in nature.

The Out Years

There are no costs in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the education commissioner, in consultation with the Office of Workforce Strategy's chief workforce officer, the Technical Education and Career System's executive director, and the Department of Labor commissioner, to develop a model student work release policy by January 1, 2023. The bill allows the education commissioner to update the policy as needed and requires that she notify each local and regional board of education ("school boards") about an update. Additionally, the bill requires the commissioner, by July 1, 2023, to give school boards recommendations for adopting their own student work release policies.

The bill requires school boards, for the 2024-25 school year and all following school years, to adopt either (1) the education commissioner's model student work release policy or the most recently updated version of it or (2) their own student work release policy based on the commissioner's recommendations. School boards that choose to adopt their own policy must submit it to the education commissioner for approval in the form and manner she prescribes.

Finally, the bill requires the education commissioner, by January 1, 2023, to report on the model student work release policy to the Commerce, Education, and Labor and Public Employees committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 2 (03/17/2022)