

Education Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1098

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

Vote Date: 3/24/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/1/2023

File No.: 512

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Education Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill is an Education Committee contingency reserve bill.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

State Department of Education (SDE), Commissioner, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker: supports this bill recognizing that, while this bill is a placeholder bill, they will move forward with any requirements necessary to provide resources.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ledyard High School, Student, Carson Aberle: supports this bill stating that they are trying to find various ways to get ahead in school. They state that they support the school district reevaluating the school start time at the state level.

Ledyard High School, Student, Adelaide Culligan: supports this bill stating that they would like to see the study focus on how income levels across towns affect the students and staff within those school districts.

Ledyard High School, Student, Kate Littler: supports this bill stating that it is important that all students in Connecticut have access to the best education possible by having proper funding. They state that the bill should focus on the funding of public education.

Ledyard High School, Student, Paulo Templeton: Paulo Templeton supports this bill stating that it is extremely important and can further assist schools with the effectiveness of standardized testing.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Cheryl Marceau: opposes this bill stating that SDE has been collecting data on public education in the state for years and that no new study needs to be conducted.

Nicholas Coppola: opposes this bill stating that the state should not be in the business of education and that too much legislation is overreach.

Connecticut Republican Assembly, President, Anne Manusky: opposes this bill stating that taxpayers are done with being fleeced by the state Board of Education.

Debbie Esposito: submitted testimony in opposition to this bill.

Reported by: Zoe Pless

Date: 4/10/2023