



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 643

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Substitute House Bill No. 5435

House of Representatives, May 1, 2024

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR THE
CONVERSION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AN
ADVISORY BOARD WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education, in
2 consultation with the State Board of Education, may develop a plan to
3 (1) convert the State Board of Education from being the department
4 head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, of the Department
5 of Education to an advisory board within the department, and (2)
6 empower the Commissioner of Education to become the department
7 head for the Department of Education. Not later than January 1, 2027,
8 the commissioner shall submit any such plan developed and any related
9 recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committee of the
10 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education in
11 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	50,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time potential cost of approximately \$50,000 in FY 25 to the State Department of Education (SDE). The bill allows SDE to develop a plan, by January 1, 2027, to convert the State Board of Education (SBE) to an advisory role within the department, and to convert the Commissioner's role to department head.

It is anticipated that it will take significant research and planning to review all the responsibilities of the SBE and determine how to merge those responsibilities with those of the Commissioner, if SDE develops the plan. SDE would need to hire a contractor (possibly a Regional Educational Service Center or the State Education Resource Center) to complete this work.

The Out Years: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 43 Nay 2 (03/20/2024)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 39 Nay 14 (04/22/2024)