

Education Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5181

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

Vote Date: 3/6/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/21/2024

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Education Committee

Rep. Travis Simms, 140th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill is an Education Committee contingency reserve bill.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Ledyard High School, 10th Grade Student, Mason Banks;](#) supports this bill stating that public school districts across the nation are reporting rising student grades but declining student performance on state tests. They state that the study included in this bill would help to solve problems like the one above and others within Connecticut public schools.

[Ledyard High School, 10th Grade Student, Adam Burgess;](#) supports this bill stating that the included study would reveal flaws with the state assessment system. They cite data from out of state which shows a substantial proportion of educators in opposition to state testing.

[Ledyard High School, 10th Grade Student, Alex Olczak;](#) supports this bill and suggests the study include an investigation into how a mandated personal finance class in high school would affect students, teachers and districts. They support this by citing data showing that a substantial portion of students are uneducated regarding personal finance.

Ledyard High School, 10th Grade Student, Harmony Wheaton; supports this bill and suggests the study include an investigation into the instruction of time management skills within public schools.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Private Citizen, Dusan Goran; opposes this bill stating that it represents an overreach of the government into the education sphere.

Private Citizen, Tracee Junkins; opposes this bill stating that to free children education must be changed. They state that the action in this bill aides in the brainwashing of children.

Private Citizen, Hillary Nolan; opposes this bill stating that it is in violation of the First Amendment.

Private Citizen, Broward Smith; opposes this bill and urges for more education on the merits of homeschooling as an alternative to public education. They stress that this bill will expand the power of public schools.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF GENERAL COMMENT:

Reverend, Peter Haddad; writes in opposition to government encroachment on the role of parents. They state that the government is supporting the normalization of psychosis in schools and stands in opposition to this.

Reported by: Benjamin Lee

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