Education Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-154

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOLS.

Vote Date: 3/6/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/21/2024

File No.:

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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:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF GENERAL COMMENT:

<u>Ledyard High School, Student, Dezell Crews:</u> discusses their concerns over the volume of homework and take-home schoolwork given to students. They emphasize the stress this can put students under, especially when they have other classes and activities to handle.

Reverend, Peter Haddad: expresses support for the concepts of "let kids be kids" and "let parents be parents." They note concern over how the government handles public school matters that they assert should be parental responsibilities.

<u>Connecticut Republican Assembly, President, Anne Manusky:</u> expresses general concerns over the Connecticut public school system and any "one size fits all" methods of school instruction. They assert that education should be administered on a more local level with greater parental involvement. They additionally express concern over "double funding" of students.

<u>Ledyard High School, Student, Emil Santos de la Cruz:</u> discusses their desire for legislation that makes participating in sports more affordable or free for student athletes. They state that many kids lose interest in or cannot join sports due to associated costs, citing their own experience and research that asserts that sports have become financially inequitable.

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