
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 356 (File 187, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS.

SUMMARY

This bill generally allows towns to set the salaries and compensation of their board of education members. Current law prohibits board members from receiving any compensation for their services other than necessary expenses for performing their duties. The bill removes this prohibition and requires that any salaries and compensation for the board members, other than the board's secretary, be set under the law that allows a municipality's legislative body to set the compensation of the municipality's officials and employees, subject to its budget authority's approval, unless the state statutes specifically require otherwise.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, the salaries and compensation for a board's secretary and attendance officers may also be set by the town's legislative body, but the board must set these until the town acts.

The bill also makes a conforming change to specify that a current law prohibiting board of education members from being employed by the board (e.g., as a teacher) does not apply to those being paid just for being a board member under the bill.

*Senate Amendment "A" removes a provision that would have allowed boards of education to set the compensation for their members and instead requires that their compensation be set by the town under the law on setting compensation for municipal officials and employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 2 (03/15/2024)