

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2024**  
**Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 5348**

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**Introducer(s):**

Education Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING PARAEDUCATORS.

**Statement of Purpose:** To (1) specify the duties and qualifications of paraeducators, (2) change references to "paraprofessional" to "paraeducator", (3) require the Department of Economic and Community Development to distribute ARPA funds allocated to the department for paraeducator professional development, (4) extend the health savings account subsidy program to the next fiscal year, (5) require the Comptroller to (A) establish a premium subsidy program for paraeducators who are covered by a health benefit plan that is not a high deductible health plan, and (B) conduct a cost-benefit analysis of boards of education providing coverage through a partnership plan, (6) establish a minimum salary for paraeducators, (7) require the Office of Policy and Management to pay the difference between the current and required minimum salary for paraeducators, and (8) repeal a program to provide a stipend to paraeducators to purchase a qualified health plan through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.

**Bill History:**

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