

Senate, April 6, 1998. The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROCESS AND THE CONDITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

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

- 1 (a) There is established a task force to study  
2 the school construction process and the  
3 rehabilitation, new construction and  
4 infrastructure needs of Connecticut's public  
5 schools. The task force shall: (1) Study the  
6 school construction process pursuant to chapter  
7 173 of the general statutes and explore ways to  
8 improve the process, including consideration of a  
9 prioritization of school building projects  
10 authorized for grants pursuant to said chapter  
11 173; (2) examine the condition of public school  
12 buildings; (3) consider methods and procedures for  
13 reducing the cost of renovating buildings and  
14 constructing new buildings; (4) develop cost  
15 effective ways of providing for the technology  
16 needs of schools; and (5) examine the  
17 responsibility of school districts for the  
18 maintenance of their school buildings.  
19 (b) The task force shall consist of the  
20 following members:

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House  
22 of Representatives, one of whom shall represent  
23 the Connecticut Education Association;

24 (2) Two appointed by the president pro  
25 tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall represent  
26 the Connecticut Association of Boards of  
27 Education;

28 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of  
29 the House of Representatives, who shall represent  
30 the American Institute of Architects, Connecticut;

31 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of  
32 the Senate, who shall be a superintendent of  
33 schools;

34 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of  
35 the House of Representatives, who shall represent  
36 the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities;

37 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of  
38 the Senate, who shall be a superintendent of  
39 schools;

40 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
41 Management and the Commissioner of Education, or  
42 their designees;

43 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of  
44 the joint standing committees of the General  
45 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
46 education and finance, or their designees.

47 (c) Any member of the task force appointed  
48 under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of  
49 this section may be a member of the General  
50 Assembly.

51 (d) All appointments to the task force shall  
52 be made no later than thirty days after the  
53 effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
54 be filled by the appointing authority.

55 (e) The speaker of the House of  
56 Representatives and the president pro tempore of  
57 the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the  
58 task force, from among the members of the task  
59 force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first  
60 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no  
61 later than sixty days after the effective date of  
62 this section.

63 (f) The administrative staff of the joint  
64 standing committee of the General Assembly having  
65 cognizance of matters relating to education shall  
66 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

67 (g) Not later than January 1, 1999, the task  
68 force shall submit a report on its findings and

69 recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
70 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
71 relating to education, in accordance with the  
72 provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
73 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the  
74 date that it submits such report or January 1,  
75 1999, whichever is earlier.

76 ED COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 31 NAY 0 JFS

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 354**

STATE IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, Within Anticipated Budgetary Resources, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Legislative Management

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: There is a potential minimal cost for Legislative Management as a result of the passage of the bill. This is associated with the possibility of mileage reimbursement for legislators. This potential minimal cost can be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of Legislative Management.

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