

File No. 362

Substitute House Bill No. 5118

House of Representatives, April 6, 1998. The Committee on Education reported through REP. STAPLES, 96th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) Each local and regional
2 board of education may establish a school district
3 safety committee to increase staff and student
4 awareness of safety and health issues and to
5 review the adequacy of emergency response
6 procedures at each school. Parents and high school
7 students shall be included in the membership of
8 such committees.
9 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1,
10 1998.

11 ED COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 31 NAY 0 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sHB 5118

STATE IMPACT	None
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Education

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: This bill results in a potential cost to local and regional school districts as it allows for the creation of school safety committees. These potential costs would be associated with the provision of meeting notices, the taking of minutes and any FOI requirements. It is anticipated that no costs will be incurred in excess of those that can be accommodated within any affected district's budget.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SAFETY

SUMMARY: This bill expressly authorizes boards of education to establish safety committees for their school districts. The committees, which must include parents and high school students, are to increase student and staff awareness of safety and health issues and review the adequacy of emergency response procedures at each school in the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 31 Nay 0