

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8013

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Education, February 24, 1995

Brief Description: Requesting that the Governor hold a monthly meeting for the discussion of issues concerning K-12 and higher education cooperation and coordination.

Sponsors: Senators McAuliffe, Bauer, Wood, Drew, Sheldon and Kohl.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Education: 2/17/95, 2/24/95 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8013 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Pelz, Vice Chair; Finkbeiner, Gaspard, Hochstatter and Rasmussen.

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Background: There are a number of different boards, commissions, and agencies responsible at the state level for setting policies for the education and training of students.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The Legislature requests the Governor to call a monthly meeting of the Commission on Student Learning, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, a representative of the public four-year institutions of higher education, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board. At the meetings, the entities must identify and remove barriers to creating a seamless education system. Any findings must be reported to the Legislature.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: A representative of the public four-year institutions of higher education is added.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Testimony For: Under other legislation, the groups have met to resolve issues such as high school credit equivalencies. The groups work well together. The four-year institutions of higher education should be included.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Terry Teale, Council of Presidents (pro); Jan Yashitomo, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (pro); Mike Bigelow, Office of Financial Management (pro).