

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5943

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As of February 16, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to school attendance of school employees' children.

**Brief Description:** Requiring school policies that allow school employees' children to attend school where the employee is employed.

**Sponsors:** Senators McAuliffe, McDonald, Carlson, Fairley, Oke, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Education: 2/19/01.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Staff:** Kelly Simpson (786-7403)

**Background:** Under current law, public schools are generally open to individuals aged five through 20 residing in that school district. If a parent or guardian requests for his or her child to attend a school in another district, school districts are encouraged to honor such requests. If a nonresident district agrees to accept a transferring student, and if attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parent's place of work, then a resident district must release the student to the nonresident district.

Additionally, current law requires school districts to adopt policies allowing intradistrict enrollment options (i.e., transfers between schools within a district).

**Summary of Bill:** School districts must adopt policies allowing school employees' children to attend school where the employee works, at the employee's option.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.