

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1985

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 27, 1992

**Brief Description:** Requiring teachers to have professional preparation in child abuse issues.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Brumsickle, Dorn, Peery, Winsley, Miller and Rasmussen; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Board of Education.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Bailey, Chairman; Erwin, Vice Chairman; Metcalf, Murray, Oke, Pelz, Rinehart, A. Smith, and Talmadge.

**Staff:** Mich'l Prentice Needham (786-7439)

**Hearing Dates:** March 25, 1991; March 26, 1991; February 27, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1990, the Legislature adopted legislation that requires persons applying for an initial teaching certificate to complete a course on issues of child abuse. The length of the course was not specified in statute.

**SUMMARY:**

Teacher candidates are required to complete a minimum of 10 clock hours of course work or an in-service program on child abuse issues.

The course must be taken by persons enrolled in teacher education programs, or before persons receive their continuing certificate.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SENATE AMENDMENT:**

A technical correction is made to clarify that the 10 clock hours apply to both the course work and the in-service work.

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The changes to the existing requirement clear up some confusion. The changes have been agreed to by college deans.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Representative Brumsickle; Marcia Costello, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction