

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1182

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 23, 1994

Brief Description: Allowing retired teachers to work in educational institutions for ninety days per school year without a reduction in benefits.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Brumsickle, Karahalios, Dorn, Chandler, Peery, G. Cole, Zellinsky, Chappell, Jacobsen, Basich, Carlson, Wood, B. Thomas, Brough, Cothorn, Van Luven, Johanson, Shin, Jones, Morton, Ballard, Padden, Fuhrman, Sheahan, Talcott, Schoesler, Long, Eide, Flemming, Wang, Horn, Mielke, Tate, Springer, Cooke, Dyer, Leonard, Foreman, Vance, Pruitt and Finkbeiner)

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Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Pelz, Chairman; McAuliffe, Vice Chairman; Gaspard, McDonald, Moyer, Nelson, Rinehart, Skratek, A. Smith and Winsley.

Staff: Susan Mielke (786-7439)

Hearing Dates: February 23, 1994

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, retired teachers on Teachers' Retirement System Plan I (TRS I) may serve as substitute teachers for up to 75 days a school year without affecting their retirement benefits.

Some propose that the shortage of certificated substitute teachers in many regions of the state would be reduced if retired teachers could work an additional 15 days annually.

SUMMARY:

The current TRS I limitation of 75 days per year of substitute teaching without reduction of retirement benefits may be extended 15 days for retired substitutes working in school districts or in multi-district substitute cooperatives in which it has determined that a shortage of substitutes exists. Procedures for making the determination and notifying the Department of Retirement and retired teachers are specified.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

A district or multidistrict substitute cooperative is required to determine a shortage of substitutes and any school boards affected to adopt a resolution to extend the service of substitute teachers who are retired teachers for an additional 15 days. The resolution is valid only for the school year in which it is adopted.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

Substitute teachers are difficult to obtain in some districts. Extending the time retired teachers may work does not take work away from unretired substitute teachers because the bill requires a shortage before the extension is allowed.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Representative Brumsickle, prime sponsor