

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1384

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 26, 1993

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to the permissibility of contracts between municipal officers and their spouses in cases where the spouse is a certificated or classified school district employee or a substitute teacher.

SPONSORS: Representatives Chandler, Hansen, Karahalios, Dorn, Brough and Foreman

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Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pelz, Chairman; Hochstatter, McDonald, Moyer, M. Rasmussen, Skratek, and Winsley.

Staff: Susan Mielke (786-7439)

Hearing Dates: March 24, 1993; March 26, 1993

BACKGROUND:

Second class school districts with fewer than 500 full-time equivalent students may employ the spouse of an officer of the district as a substitute teacher, provided the board of directors has found a shortage of substitute teachers in the district. The terms of the contract must be commensurate with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement operating in the district.

"Second class school districts" are defined by statute as having fewer than 2,000 students. "Officer" is defined to include all elected and appointed officers of the district, together with all deputies and assistants of such an officer, and all persons exercising any of the powers or functions of a district officer.

SUMMARY:

All school districts may employ the spouse of an officer of the district as a substitute teacher, if the board of directors has found a shortage of substitute teachers in the district. The terms of the contract must be commensurate with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement operating in the district.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Some districts have a shortage of substitute teachers, causing principals to have to substitute for teachers. In some of these districts the spouses of the superintendent or the school board members are certified to teach but are unable to substitute under the current law. This bill would alleviate the problem.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Representative Gary Shandler, prime sponsor