

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5470

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 5, 1993

Brief Description: Eliminating certain limitations on credit hours that may be used to determine compensation allocations for basic education certificated instructional staff.

SPONSORS: Senators Pelz, Bauer, Skratek, Drew and McAuliffe

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pelz, Chairman; McAuliffe, Vice Chairman; Gaspard, M. Rasmussen, Rinehart, Skratek, A. Smith, and Winsley.

Staff: Leslie Goldstein (786-7424)

Hearing Dates: February 8, 1993; February 15, 1993

BACKGROUND:

The Legislature allocates funds to school districts to pay for salaries for certificated instructional staff based upon the experience and education of the certificated employees in the district. The salary allocation schedule allocates different sums of money for a teacher with a baccalaureate degree and between 15 and 135 credits, a master's degree and between 45 and 90 credits, and for a doctorate degree. In the budget, the salary allocation schedule provides funds for a salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and up to 135 credits earned after the bachelor's degree, if those credits were earned before January 1, 1992. If a teacher did not earn the credits before January 1, 1992, only 90 quarter college hour credits earned after the baccalaureate degree are recognized.

SUMMARY:

The limit prohibiting the recognition of more than 90 college quarter credit hours earned after the baccalaureate degree if those credits were earned after January 1, 1992 is removed. The number of college credits recognized after the baccalaureate degree is determined in the Appropriations Act.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested February 2, 1993

TESTIMONY FOR:

The BA+135 column was frozen when there was a statute requiring teachers to get a master's degree. The change is consistent with the repeal of the master's requirement.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Bob Maier, Washington Education Association (pro)