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Sponsor(s): Senators Zarelli, Hochstatter, Stevens, Schow, Swecker, Benton and Oke

Brief Title: Providing children with an education in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science.

**SB 5890 - DIGEST**

Finds that the performance-based education act of 1993 shifts public education from a knowledge-based, subject-driven system to a role-based, behavior-driven system. Given performance-based education, regardless of what name it carries, the definition of learning changes from the "acquisition of knowledge" to the "changing of behavior." The legislature finds that the emphasis on behavior change undermines the role of the parent by establishing the school as the purveyor of attitudes, values, and beliefs.

Declares that, although the legislature affirms that employability should be one of many results of a public school experience, the legislature finds that it is not the purpose of our state's K-12 education system to provide an employee pool of skilled workers for any business or work force as is currently being pursued in the state's school-to-work program.

Declares that the legislature recognizes no role in this process for the federal government or its agencies, and therefore refuses the many federal mandates and regulations forced upon its citizens. By this action, the legislature refuses all funds associated in any way with goals 2000, or any dollars that do not come freely without mandates or other conditions. All existing goals 2000 contracts shall be null and void upon the effective date of this section.

Repeals various provisions.