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## Education Committee

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### SB 5546

**Brief Description:** Reclassifying the state board of education as a class four group.

**Sponsors:** Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Rasmussen, B. Sheldon, Fairley, Johnson, Hewitt, Eide and Kohl-Welles; by request of State Board of Education.

**Hearing Date:** 2/20/02

**Staff:** Susan Morrissey (786-7111).

**Background:**

Part-time state boards and commissions are divided into five groups based primarily on the duties and functions of the board or commission. The State Board of Education is currently a class three group. Class three groups have rule making authority, perform quasi-judicial functions, and regulate and set policies for professions, occupations, businesses, or industries. In addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances, members of a class three group may receive up to \$50 a day when attending an official meeting or performing statutory duties approved by the chair of the organization.

Class four groups perform the same functions as the class three groups; however, the duties of the class four group are considered to be of "overriding sensitivity and importance to the public welfare and the operation of state government." Usually, a class four group meets more than 100 hours a year. In addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances, members of a class four group may receive up to \$100 a day when attending an official meeting or performing statutory duties approved by the chair of the organization.

**Summary of Bill:**

The State Board of Education is changed from a class three group to a class four group for the purpose of determining the compensation level paid to board members.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.