

Education Committee

SB 5546

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

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

Hearing Date: *3/22/01.*

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 rulemaking authority, perform quasi-judicial functions, and regulate and set policies for professions, occupations, businesses, or industries. Members of a class three group may receive up to \$50 a day when attending an official meeting, in addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances.

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. Members of a class four group may receive up to \$100 a day when attending an official meeting, in addition to food, lodging, and travel allowances.

Summary of Bill:

The State Board of Education is changed from a class three group to a class four group.

Appropriation: *None.*

Fiscal Note: *Available.*

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

