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Sponsor(s): Representatives Talcott and Pearson

Brief Description: Providing for education during teacher strikes.

**HB 2385 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to ensure that during a teacher strike, a basic education is provided to all students without significant interruption.

Provides that during a strike, the superintendent of public instruction must ensure that schools are opened in a timely fashion to mitigate the impact of a teacher strike on students and families.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of education to provide oversight and support to school districts in identifying available and economical resources to develop strike curriculum.

Provides that, not later than August 31, 2004, each school district board of directors must adopt or amend as necessary a strike curriculum for each grade in which the district offers instruction.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of education to develop a voluntary prescreening process to maintain a confidential list of persons qualified and willing to serve as substitute teachers during a strike.