

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1941

As of March 25, 2005

Title: An act relating to providing voting rights on the state board of education to the superintendent of public instruction.

Brief Description: Making the superintendent of public instruction a voting member of the state board of education.

Sponsors: Representatives P. Sullivan, Quall, Talcott, Kenney and McDermott; by request of State Board of Education.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/08/05, 83-14.

Committee Activity: Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education: 3/28/05.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING, K-12 & HIGHER EDUCATION

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Background: Currently, the State Board of Education (Board) annually elects a president and vice president. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is an ex officio member and the chief executive officer of the Board. As an ex officio member, the Superintendent has the right to vote only when there is a question before the Board upon which no majority opinion has been reached among the Board members present and voting, and the Superintendent's vote is essential for action.

Summary of Bill: The State Board of Education annually must elect a president and vice president and other officers as the Board determines. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is an ex officio member and the chief executive officer of the State Board of Education and has the right to vote on all matters before the Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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