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Senate Bill No. 356

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The salaries and compensation of the secretary of the board of
4 education and of the attendance officers may be fixed by the town, as
5 provided in section 7-460, but, until the town acts, the board of
6 education shall fix such salary or compensation. [; provided no member
7 of the board of education shall receive any compensation for services
8 rendered as such member, but such member may be paid necessary
9 expenses when performing a duty delegated by said board.]

10 (b) Any salaries and compensation of the members of the board of
11 education, other than the secretary of such board, may be fixed by the
12 board of education.

13 Sec. 2. Section 10-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act to the contrary, no
16 member of the board of education shall be employed for compensation
17 by the board of which he or she is a member in any position in the school
18 system. If any member of such board is employed contrary to the
19 provisions of this section, the office to which he or she was elected or
20 appointed shall become vacant. No provision of this section shall be
21 construed to prohibit any member of a board of education from (1)
22 serving as a member of any school building committee established by a
23 town or regional school district to undertake a school building project
24 as defined in section 10-282, or (2) receiving a salary or compensation as
25 provided in subsection (b) of section 10-225, as amended by this act, due
26 solely to being a member of a board of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-225
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-232

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in potential costs to local and regional school districts annually beginning in FY 25 if they choose to compensate board of education members. Any cost to a local or regional school district will depend on the compensation voted on by the board and the number of board of education members.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to any changes in compensation set by boards of education.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 356****AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS.****SUMMARY**

This bill allows boards of education to set the salaries and compensation of their members, other than the secretaries. Current law prohibits board members from receiving any compensation for their services other than necessary expenses for performing their duties. Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, the salaries and compensation for a board's secretary and attendance officers may be set by the town's legislative body, but the board must set these until the town acts (presumably, the bill's limitation on a board setting the compensation for its secretary does not apply to this existing requirement).

The bill also makes a conforming change to specify that a current law prohibiting board of education members from being employed by the board (e.g., as a teacher) does not apply to those being paid just for being a board member under the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 2 (03/15/2024)