

Education Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5182

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION
Title: AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.

Vote Date: 3/6/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/21/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Education Committee

Rep. Travis Simms, 140th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill makes technical and grammatical revisions to the education and early childhood statutes. These refinements were recommended by the Legislative Commissioners' Office.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The Legislative Commissioners' Office made additional technical revisions.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF GENERAL COMMENT:

Child Care for CT, Parent, Susana Leon: expresses a general comment that the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) on Child Care will provide a roadmap for addressing the challenges in Connecticut's early childhood system. They ask the committee to prioritize childcare as a fundamental component of Connecticut's infrastructure by funding the Blue Ribbon Panel's Plan at the full amount of \$143 million, allocating \$4,500 per child affected by the change to the kindergarten start age, and using the Connecticut Early Childhood Fund as a vehicle for holding early education funds.

Ledyard High School, Student, Anonymous: expresses a general comment that limiting testing in schools will provide equal opportunities for students to receive a suitable program of educational experiences. They suggest removing standardized tests from the state curriculum, citing a survey of 1,500 educators in which 70% felt that state assessments were developmentally inappropriate.

Reported by: James Magson

Date: 3/19/24