

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 6273

As Reported By House Committee On:
Education

Title: An act relating to pension payments to retired teachers.

Brief Description: Allowing retired teachers to work in educational institutions for ninety days per school year without a reduction in benefits.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Wojahn, Franklin, Bauer, Roach, Oke, M. Rasmussen, Rinehart, Erwin, Skratek, Moyer and McAuliffe).

Brief History:

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Education, February 24, 1994, DP.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 17 members: Representatives Dorn, Chair; Cothorn, Vice Chair; Brough, Ranking Minority Member; B. Thomas, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brumsickle; Carlson; G. Cole; Eide; Hansen; Holm; Jones; Karahalios; J. Kohl; Pruitt; Roland; Stevens and L. Thomas.

Staff: Robert Butts (786-7111).

Background: Under current law, retired teachers may serve as substitutes up to 75 days per school year without a reduction of their retirement benefits.

Summary of Bill: When a school district, or all school districts in a multi-district substitute cooperative, determine they have a shortage of certificated substitute teachers and the affected school boards adopt a resolution to that effect, retired teachers may serve as a substitute teachers for up to an additional 15 days per school year without a reduction of their retirement benefits. The board's resolutions are valid only for the school year in which adopted. This applies to all persons governed by the provisions of plan I of the Teachers Retirement System, regardless of the date of their retirement, but shall only apply to benefits payable after September 1, 1994.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: School districts throughout the state are having a very difficult time finding substitute teachers. This legislation will help districts address this shortage of substitutes.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Senator Winsley, prime sponsor; Walter Ball, Washington School Principals Association; and John Kvamme, Tacoma Schools.