

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5916

As Passed Senate, March 11, 1995

Title: An act relating to requiring racial harassment policies in school districts.

Brief Description: Requiring school districts to have racial harassment policies.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Kohl and Pelz).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Education: 2/28/95, 3/1/95 [DPS, DNP].
Passed Senate, 3/11/95, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5916 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Pelz, Vice Chair; Gaspard and Rasmussen.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Hochstatter and Johnson.

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Background: Discrimination violates both state and federal laws.

Summary of Bill: School districts may adopt and implement racial harassment policies. The Superintendent of Public Instruction must develop criteria to be used by districts that develop racial harassment policies.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on March 1, 1995.

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

Testimony For: This bill is intended to eliminate discrimination in the public schools and help to create a society free of discrimination for all children.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Senator Kohl, sponsor; Larry Davis, SBE; Carol Gregory, SPI; James Kelly, Commission of African-American Affairs.