

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6583

PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Clarifying eligibility requirements for state-funded benefits for part-time academic employees of community and technical colleges.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Bauer, Kohl, McAuliffe, Winsley, Rinehart and Smith).

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

House Committee on Higher Education

House Committee on Appropriations

Background: State employees who work more than one-half time are eligible for state health benefits. Part-time community college faculty receive different benefits at different institutions because there is not a uniform method for calculating part-time work loads. Additionally, there are some institutions where part-time faculty do not receive any benefits.

Summary: Definitions are created for the purposes of determining eligibility of state-mandated insurance and retirement benefits for part-time academic employees in community and technical colleges. Community and technical colleges must report to the appropriate agencies the hours worked by part-time academic employees as a ratio of the part-time academic work load to the full-time academic work load in a given discipline in a given institution.

A task force is created to conduct a best practices audit of compensation packages and benefits for part-time faculty in the community and technical college system. The task force must include members of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, part-time faculty, full-time faculty, and governing board members. The task force must focus on the treatment of part-time faculty. The task force must report its findings to the state board and other interested parties by August 30, 1996. By September 30, 1996, the state board must adopt a set of best practices principles.

Partial Veto Summary: The emergency clause is eliminated.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	3	
House	91	0	(House amended)
Senate	43	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 6, 1996