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Senate

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Committee on Education

Senate Bill 357

Relating to: eliminating some of the school district and cooperative educational service agency reporting requirements and granting rule-making authority.

By Senators C. Potter, Rude, Roessler, Weeden, Rosenzweig, Breske, A. Lasee, Huelsman, Schultz, Darling, Drzewiecki and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Nass, Olsen, Brandemuehl, Ainsworth, J. Lehman, Harsdorf, Hasenohrl, Goetsch, Otte, Plouff, Springer, Grothman, Ryba, Urban, Bock, M. Lehman, Staskunas, Gronemus, Porter, Handrick, Meyer, Underheim, Kelso, Dobyns, Kreibich, F. Lasee, Jensen, Ladwig, Vrakas, Huber, Ward, Skindrud, Gunderson and Powers.

November 18, 1997 Referred to committee on Education.

December 10, 1997 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators C. Potter, Jauch, Shibilski,
Grobschmidt, Darling, Huelsman and Roessler.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances for

- Senator Cal Potter
- Mary Jo Cleaver for DPI
- Senn Brown for Wisconsin Association of School Boards

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Rep. Steve Nass
- Ruthann Nelson for Wisconsin Federation of Co-ops and all CESAs
- Mickey Beil for Milwaukee Public Schools
- Jim Lynch for School Administrators Alliance

Registrations against

- None.

December 10, 1997 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: (7) Senators C. Potter, Jauch, Shibilski,
Grobschmidt, Darling, Huelsman and Roessler.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Grobschmidt, seconded by Senator Roessler,
that **Senate Bill 357** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Senators C. Potter, Jauch, Shibilski,
Grobschmidt, Darling, Huelsman and
Roessler.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0, Absent 0

Paul Rusk
Committee Clerk

Vote Record

Senate Committee on Education

Date: Dec 10 Executive Session Public Hearing

Bill Number: _____

Moved by: Grob Seconded by: Roessler

Motion: SB357 -

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Sen. Richard Grobschmidt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Joanne Huelsman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Carol Roessler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried Motion Failed





TESTIMONY ON SB 357
RELATING TO ELIMINATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS
DECEMBER 10, 1997

Senate Bill 357 is a mandate relief bill containing elimination of several reporting requirements that have burdened CESA and school district staff for years. All of the items contained in this bill were recommended by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as a part of their School District Paperwork Reduction proposal included in department's 1997-99 budget request.

I commend the DPI for working with school staff to identify these inefficient reporting requirements and moving rapidly to abolish these provisions in the statutes. I hope the department will continue the process of identifying useless mandates on school districts.

The bill does the following:

- 1.) SUMMER SCHOOL: Eliminate the requirement for DPI pre-approval of summer school courses and streamlines reporting of summer school membership. Instead, the DPI will promulgate rules and provide information to school districts about determining which courses may be counted for summer school membership. Rather than submit a detailed report for each course, the number of students and days and hours of each course, school districts would now calculate summer school membership and submit a single-page report to the DPI. As with all aid membership information, the school district must keep**

auditable information on file in the school district and the DPI will include auditing of summer school membership in the standards for audit manual. Summer school membership accounts for only about 1.5% of the total school district aid membership, yet receives closer DPI scrutiny than the other 98.5% of the membership.

- 2.) **SCHOOL-AGE PARENT PROGRAMS**: Amend the report required of school boards operating school age parent programs to delete the requirement that the district report the school district of residence and the period of time each school age parent is served. The DPI doesn't use or report this information.
- 3.) **GIFTED AND TALENTED PUPIL PROGRAMS**: Repeal the requirement for school boards to submit an annual report on gifted and talented pupil programs. With the elimination of the consultant position for gifted and talented programs, the DPI is no longer able to analyze, use or report this information.
- 4.) **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL**: Repeal the requirement for school boards to determine the minimum standards for admission to high school "with the advice and consent of the State Superintendent." School boards may always seek the advice of the DPI. However, as long as school boards comply with relevant statutes and administrative rules, the "consent" of the State Superintendent seems unnecessary.
- 5.) **SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY**: Repeal the requirement for school boards to determine the school course of study with the "advice of the State Superintendent." It's unnecessary for the statutes to require boards to seek such advice.
- 6.) **EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE**: Repeal the requirement for the State Superintendent to prescribe procedures, conditions and standards for early admission to kindergarten and first grade. Require instead that school boards establish their own policies relating to such early admissions.

7.) TUITION PAYMENTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Repeal the requirement for the State Superintendent to approve tuition agreements between school districts. The DPI rarely, if ever, disapprove such a request, making the process of application, review and approval unnecessary.

8.) INVENTORY OF SCHOOL PROPERTY: Repeal the requirement for school boards to conduct an annual inventory of school property. While this is good business practice and school boards are unlikely to discontinue it, there are a number of good business practices which aren't specifically prescribed in statute.

9.) CESA ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN AND EVALUATION OF SERVICES:
Repeal the requirement for CESA's to submit an accountability plan to school districts and an evaluation of agency programs and services to the State Superintendent. CESA accountability to school districts can be shown by school districts' use of their programs and services.

This bill will result in department staff having more time to deal with educational priorities rather than piles of meaningless reports. It will permit teachers and administrators to concentrate on local concerns instead of mandated reports. In the end, the taxpayers gain because there will be more efficient use of both state and local education staff in dealing with our children.

The DPI hasn't been able to place actual dollar amounts on the savings associated with each item in this bill. However, I believe it's safe to assume that this bill will free-up needed funds for school districts to re-allocate from administrative purposes to the classroom.

I hope the members of the Assembly Mandates Committee will join me in moving rapidly to pass this necessary education reform bill. I am proud this bill has broad bipartisan support and extend a special thank you to Senator Calvin Potter for authoring the Senate companion bill.