
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5033

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EDUCATION.

SUMMARY

This bill makes five minor changes to education law.

It repeals the requirement that the State Department of Education (SDE) consult with EASTCONN, the state's regional educational service center that serves eastern Connecticut, to create a data system for school districts to access Teacher Education and Mentoring Program (TEAM) resources and tools at the local level. TEAM is a two-year mentoring program for new teachers that matches them with a trained mentor and requires them to complete instructional units in lesson planning, classroom management, and other topics (§ 1).

The bill also specifies that four existing grants or programs must operate within available appropriations. The programs are:

1. special education training, education, and testing competitive grant for teachers and paraeducators (§ 2);
2. support services for special education students with trauma or behavioral health needs grant (§ 3);
3. the SDE training program for instructional support partners, which must include literacy and math instruction, personalized learning, and individualized instruction for students with disabilities, classroom management, instructional methods and behavioral supports, and transition plans for students with disabilities (§ 4); and
4. the state teacher apprenticeship program (presumably, this refers to the program established under CGS § 10-146j) (§ 5).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - APP

Yea 46 Nay 0 (03/18/2026)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/01/2026)