

Legislative Analysis



GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT OF STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

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House Joint Resolution C
Sponsor: Rep. John Moolenaar
Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION C AS INTRODUCED 2-1-05

House Joint Resolution C would amend Section 3 of Article VIII of the state constitution to provide for gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction. The resolution specifies that the governor would make the appointment and would also set the superintendent's term of office.

Currently the state board of education appoints the state school superintendent and sets his or her term of office.

Under the constitution, the state superintendent serves as the chairperson of the state board of education (without the right to vote) and is responsible for the execution of the board's policies. Further, the superintendent is the principal executive officer of the state Department of Education. House Joint Resolution C would retain these provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no state or local fiscal impact.

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