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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY ISSUES
RELATING TO SCHOOL START TIMES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education
2 shall establish a working group to study issues relating to school start
3 times. In conducting such study, the working group shall analyze (1) the
4 effect of the starting time of regularly scheduled instruction on child
5 growth and development, (2) whether there is a correlation between
6 school start times and educational outcomes and student productivity,
7 (3) the feasibility of implementing a school start time requirement in the
8 state, and (4) whether any other states have implemented a school start
9 time requirement. The commissioner shall select the members of the
10 working group, provided such working group includes members who
11 represent boards of education, superintendents, teachers and
12 administrators, and parents of students. Not later than January 1, 2021,
13 the commissioner shall submit a report on the working group's findings
14 and any recommendations for legislation to the joint standing
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
16 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a

17 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education to establish a working group to study issues relating to school start times.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]