

Written Testimony for **SB 887/HB 1512**: County Boards of Education -
Reappointment of Incumbent County Superintendent - Authorization
- Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

This bill reads "... Authorizing a county board of education to reappoint an incumbent county superintendent in a certain manner; and authorizing a county board, at any point during the incumbent superintendent's term, to take action at a public meeting not later than March 1 of the year in which the contract is being renewed to reappoint the incumbent superintendent to serve a new term of 4 years beginning the immediately following July 1...

The term of a county superintendent is 4 years beginning on July 1. A county superintendent continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies...

(l) [In] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IN the year in which [a] AN INITIAL term begins, the county board shall appoint a county superintendent between February 1 and June 30...

AT ANY POINT DURING THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT'S TERM, THE COUNTY BOARD MAY TAKE ACTION AT A PUBLIC MEETING NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CONTRACT IS BEING RENEWED TO REAPPOINT THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT TO SERVE A NEW TERM OF 4 YEARS BEGINNING THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JULY 1...

If a county board is unable to appoint a county superintendent by July 1 of a year in which a term begins, the provisions of subsection (d) of this section apply..."

This bill will **not** improve our schools in any measurable way. Our schools are **failing** our children. Our children are **not** mastering the course material that they need to master in order to even pass their graduation exams. By passing this bill and allowing a county Board of Education to simply reappoint an incumbent Superintendent, this bill does nothing to improve our children's learning outcomes. In fact, it would hinder our children's learning outcomes. If we keep reappointing the same Superintendent over and over, even though the Superintendent has not delivered any improved learning outcomes for our children, we are simply continuing the biggest source of the problem. We need to hold our County school system Superintendents accountable for the improvement in learning outcomes for our children! If our children's standardized test

scores do not improve, we need to find a different Superintendent with some different ideas to improve our children's learning outcomes. Our children deserve schools that are focused on academics and not failed leadership, political agendas and tenure for teachers whose students are not learning. If our Special Education departments are not improving the quality of their efforts for our most vulnerable populations, then we need to appoint different Superintendents. If our children are not safe in their schools, we need to appoint different Superintendents. **All** our children deserve only the best learning environments.

Therefore, please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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