HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/HBs 63 & 77 and 891, 995, 2009 and 2135, 2nd Eng.

SPONSOR: Education/K-12, Education Innovation, Rep. Lynn and others

SUBJECT: Teacher Quality

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Education

DATE: May 4, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

Senate Amendment 1 (body with title) - 495944 Senate Amendment 3 (body with title) - 750670

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

Senate Amendment 1 deleted from the bill a provision for awarding retention and recruitment bonuses to teachers at low performing schools. The House of Representatives refused to concur.

Senate Amendment 3 added to the bill a different provision for awarding retention and recruitment bonuses to teachers at low performing schools, for awarding bonuses to teachers in critical subject areas, and for distributing matching grants for equipment to be purchased for low performing schools. The Senate amendment would place restrictions on the retention bonuses at failing schools, and the House found those restrictions in conflict with proviso in Specific Appropriation 100B in the Conference Report on House Bill 2145, General Appropriations Act FY 2000-2001. The House of Representatives refused to concur.