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Senator Richard Alloway, II

RE:

Introduction of Legislation-Superintendents Post-Dismissal Salary

DATE:

March 23, 2011

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Public School Code of 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), further providing for the salary and removal of school district and assistant superintendents.

Currently, the Public School Code provides that school district superintendents and assistant superintendents may be removed from office, after hearing, by a majority vote of the board of school directors of the district, for neglect of duty, incompetency, intemperance, or immorality.

There is nothing in statute pertaining to contractual obligations should the board of school directors dismiss a district or assistant superintendent for any of the violations in the preceding section. Some school districts, even after determining that a superintendent or assistant superintendent did not fulfill their contractual obligations, have been ordered to compensate for the remainder of the contractual agreement.

Specifically, this legislation provides that a contract between a board of school directors and a district superintendent or assistant district superintendent shall be null and void after the date of the majority vote of the board of school directors to remove the district superintendent of assistant district superintendent.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Melissa Knepper at mknepper@pasen.gov or by phone at 787-4651.