

House Bill 4051

Sponsored by Representatives DOHERTY, MCLANE, SPRENGER; Representatives ESQUIVEL, EVANS, GOMBERG, HOLVEY, KENNEMER, LEWIS, MALSTROM, MCLAIN, PILUSO, POST, SALINAS, SANCHEZ, WHISNANT, WILSON, WITT, Senators FREDERICK, HANSELL, ROBLAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Rural Education.
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to rural education; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Rural Education is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 14 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party and**
7 **one member from the minority party.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the**
9 **majority party and one member from the minority party.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 10 members as follows:**

11 **(A) One member who represents the Department of Education;**

12 **(B) One member who represents a community college in this state;**

13 **(C) One member who represents a public university listed in ORS 352.002; and**

14 **(D) Seven members who:**

15 **(i) Serve as a teacher, an administrator or an education service district teacher or ad-**
16 **ministrator in a rural area; and**

17 **(ii) To the extent practicable, are from geographically diverse areas of this state.**

18 **(3) The task force shall:**

19 **(a) Review data and research related to student outcomes in rural schools;**

20 **(b) Assess the impact of current state policy and laws on rural schools; and**

21 **(c) Recommend changes in state policy to support rural schools, with an emphasis on**
22 **addressing chronic absenteeism, graduation rates, student mobility, serving underrepre-**
23 **sented students and advancing post-secondary education.**

24 **(4) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**
25 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

26 **(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
27 **transaction of business.**

28 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
29 **members of the task force.**

30 **(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
2 ment to become immediately effective.

3 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
4 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

5 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

6 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
7 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
8 Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2018.

9 (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
10 force.

11 (13) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the
12 Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-
13 teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation
14 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

15 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
16 the task force in the performance of the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by
17 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
18 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2018 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

20 **SECTION 3.** This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect
22 on its passage.