

House Bill 2833

Sponsored by Representative GELSER

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Foster Youth Access to Post-Secondary Opportunities.
Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to foster youth education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Foster Youth Access to Post-**
5 **Secondary Opportunities, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor, with the**
6 **following qualifications:**

7 (a) **Two members shall represent community colleges.**

8 (b) **Two members shall represent kindergarten through grade 12 education.**

9 (c) **One member shall represent the Oregon University System.**

10 (d) **One member shall represent the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.**

11 (e) **One member shall be a former foster youth.**

12 (f) **One member shall represent a foster youth advocacy group.**

13 (g) **One member shall represent the Department of Education.**

14 (2) **The task force shall explore how to train college campus staff, including but not lim-**
15 **ited to staff working in areas related to financial aid, counseling, advising, residence life,**
16 **student services and tutor services, to address the special needs of former foster youth.**

17 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
18 **of business.**

19 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
20 **of the task force.**

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

22 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-**
23 **come immediately effective.**

24 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
25 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

26 (8) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

27 (9) **The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**
28 **lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later**
29 **than October 1, 2010.**

30 (10) **The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff support to the task force.**

31 (11) **Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
2 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
3 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Higher Education for
4 purposes of the task force.

5 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
6 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
7 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
8 consider necessary to perform their duties.

9 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
10 regular biennial legislative session.

11 SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
12 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
13 on its passage.

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