

House Bill 2834

Sponsored by Representative GELSER

SUMMARY

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Creates Oregon School for the Blind Task Force to study and report on costs associated with Oregon School for the Blind, and benefits and challenges faced by Oregon School for the Blind.
Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon School for the Blind; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) **The Task Force on the Oregon School for the Blind is created for the**
5 **purpose of studying and reporting on the costs associated with the Oregon School for the**
6 **Blind, and the benefits and challenges faced by the Oregon School for the Blind.**

7 (2) **The task force consists of 11 members appointed as follows:**

8 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
9 **Senate.**

10 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
11 **members of the House of Representatives.**

12 (c) **The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint:**

13 (A) **One member who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon School for the**
14 **Blind.**

15 (B) **One member who is a member of a district school board.**

16 (C) **One member who is a member of an education service district board.**

17 (D) **One member who represents an organization that advocates for persons with devel-**
18 **opmental disabilities and coordinates services provided to persons with developmental disa-**
19 **bilities.**

20 (E) **One member who represents an organization that represents school administrators.**

21 (F) **One member who represents an organization that represents school boards.**

22 (G) **One member who represents an organization that represents educators.**

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

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

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

28 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
29 **ment to become immediately effective.**

30 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

3 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
4 lation, to the interim legislative committees on education no later than October 1, 2010.

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

6 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
7 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
8 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
9 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
10 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose.

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

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

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

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