

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT
AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 767**

June 8

President Courtney:

A minority of your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred A-engrossed Senate Bill 767, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the
2 line and line 3 and insert “appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 16 and delete pages 2 through 11 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Oregon Online Education Task Force Relating to**
5 **Public Charter Schools, consisting of 14 members appointed as follows:**

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.**

8 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the**
10 **minority party.**

11 **“(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall**
12 **jointly appoint:**

13 **“(A) One member of the State Board of Education, as recommended by the chairperson**
14 **of the State Board of Education.**

15 **“(B) One representative from the Oregon School Employees Association.**

16 **“(C) One representative from the Oregon Education Association.**

17 **“(D) One representative from the Oregon School Boards Association.**

18 **“(E) One superintendent of an education service district, as defined in ORS 334.003.**

19 **“(F) One representative of the Northwest Center for Educational Options.**

20 **“(G) One principal of a virtual public charter school, as defined in section 4 of this 2009**
21 **Act.**

22 **“(H) One superintendent of a school district, as defined in ORS 329.007, that currently**
23 **sponsors a virtual public charter school.**

24 **“(I) One superintendent of a school district that does not currently sponsor a virtual**
25 **public charter school.**

26 **“(J) One parent of a student currently enrolled in an online course provided at a public**
27 **charter school.**

28 **“(2) The task force shall:**

29 **“(a) Study and identify the means to provide students in this state with online course**
30 **options that have critical curriculum content and highly qualified instructors that are oth-**
31 **erwise unavailable.**

32 **“(b) Make recommendations to assist public charter schools in developing the charac-**

1 **teristics identified in ORS 329.025.**

2 **“(c) Make recommendations for providing public charter schools, school districts and**
3 **school district staff members with a public website for posting and sharing professional de-**
4 **velopment information and school improvement opportunities related to online instruction.**

5 **“(d) Make recommendations for administrative structures to:**

6 **“(A) Ensure adequate funding and reliable resource support for online instruction.**

7 **“(B) Develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure quality course content and**
8 **instructional processes.**

9 **“(C) Provide oversight of:**

10 **“(i) Student portfolios;**

11 **“(ii) Subject and course certification;**

12 **“(iii) Teacher certification;**

13 **“(iv) Virtual public charter schools; and**

14 **“(v) Transfers of students from or to public charter schools within or outside of a school**
15 **district.**

16 **“(3) The task force may engage the assistance of additional persons to provide expertise**
17 **in an advisory capacity to the task force in the performance of its duties and functions.**

18 **“(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the trans-**
19 **action of business.**

20 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
21 **of the task force.**

22 **“(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

23 **“(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authorities shall make an ap-**
24 **pointment to become immediately effective.**

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

27 **“(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

28 **“(10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**
29 **lation, to the legislative interim committees on education no later than December 15, 2009.**

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

31 **“(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are**
32 **not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the**
33 **task force.**

34 **“(13)(a) The Department of Education may accept contributions of moneys and assistance**
35 **from nonprofit organizations and agree to conditions placed on the moneys not inconsistent**
36 **with the duties of the task force.**

37 **“(b) Moneys received by the department under this subsection, and such other moneys**
38 **as may otherwise be made available by law to the task force, shall be deposited into the**
39 **Public Charter School Development Fund established under ORS 338.175. Interest earned on**
40 **the moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the fund**
41 **for the benefit of the task force. Moneys deposited in the fund under this subsection are**
42 **continuously appropriated to the department and shall be used only for the performance of**
43 **the functions and duties of the task force.**

44 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date the Legislative Assembly**
45 **next convenes in a regular or special session that begins on or after January 1, 2010.**

1 **“SECTION 3.** Section 4 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 338.

2 **“SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section, ‘virtual public charter school’ means a public
3 charter school that provides at least 50 percent of its comprehensive educational program
4 through online instruction.

5 **“(2)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, on or after the effective date
6 of this 2009 Act, a school district board or the State Board of Education may not approve a
7 charter for which the school district board or the State Board of Education would become
8 a sponsor of a virtual public charter school.

9 **“SECTION 5.** Section 4 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the earlier of the date of
10 adjournment sine die of the next regular or special session of the Legislative Assembly that
11 begins on or after January 1, 2010.

12 **“SECTION 6.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
13 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
14 on its passage.”.

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/s/ Ted Ferrioli
Senator

/s/ Jason Atkinson
Senator
