

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Dembrow, Frederick, Huffman, Komp, Parrish, Gelser, Wingard
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/28, 4/6, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Accountable Schools and specifies membership. Directs Task Force to study education reform and report to Legislative Assembly no later than January 1, 2012. Establishes Accountable Schools Task Force Fund and continuously appropriates moneys from fund to the Legislative Administration Committee for purposes of administering Task Force. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Grading school performance on A to F scale
- Experience in Florida
- Basis for assessment
- Ability to transfer out of schools with failing grades

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the bill.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2289 in its original form required the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide grades of A to F to all public schools and allowed students to transfer out of schools with failing grades. House Bill 2289-A creates a task force and related fund to study education reform and report to the Legislature before the end of 2011.