

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2289

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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.

[Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to rate school performance based on letter grades. Offers parents of students in schools with letter grade of "F" opportunity to receive scholarship for private school.]

Establishes Task Force on Accountable Schools for purpose of recommending for legislation methods of evaluating and improving student performance.

Establishes Accountable Schools Task Force Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Legislative Administration Committee to fund task force. Provides that fund shall consist of only contributions.

Becomes operative on date that sufficient contributions are made to fund task force. Sunsets on date of convening of 2012 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to education; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Accountable Schools is established, consisting of 14 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate;

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives; and

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

(A) Two members who are school district superintendents;

(B) Two members who are school administrators;

(C) Two members who are teachers;

(D) One member from a professional education organization;

(E) One member representing the Department of Education; and

(F) Two members from education advocacy groups.

(2) The task force shall develop a plan to improve accountability practices for schools.

(3) The task force shall recommend:

(a) A new student summative assessment to be used in Oregon schools that:

(A) Is based on a national standard; and

(B) Occurs as required by federal law.

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 (b) Measures of college and career readiness to be used in Oregon schools which evaluate:

2 (A) Advanced course and dual enrollment completion;

3 (B) National and state assessment results;

4 (C) Dropout and graduation rates;

5 (D) Post-secondary educational participation; and

6 (E) Programs to close any achievement gaps.

7 (c) A statewide standardized simple performance report and rating system based on let-
8 ter grades that includes:

9 (A) Absolute student achievement and growth;

10 (B) School trends over time; and

11 (C) Comparisons to similar schools.

12 (d) Implementation of formative testing and instructionally useful student performance
13 data systems for student achievement.

14 (e) Tools, resources and targeted assistance for schools needing assistance to meet state
15 standards.

16 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
17 transaction of business.

18 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
19 members of the task force.

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

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

23 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
24 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

25 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

26 (10) The task force shall submit a report that includes recommendations for legislation
27 to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education as appropriate no
28 later than January 1, 2012.

29 (11) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff support to the task
30 force.

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

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

38 **SECTION 2.** The Accountable Schools Task Force Fund is established in the State
39 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Accountable Schools Task Force
40 Fund shall consist of contributions of moneys from any source, public or private. Interest
41 earned by the Accountable Schools Task Force Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys
42 in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee for
43 the purposes of section 1 of this 2011 Act. No moneys from the General Fund may be de-
44 posited into the Accountable Schools Task Force Fund. The Legislative Administration
45 Committee may accept assistance from any source, public or private, and may agree to

1 conditions placed on the moneys not inconsistent with the provisions of section 1 of this 2011
2 Act.

3 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2011 Act become operative on the date on which
4 sufficient moneys have been deposited into the Accountable Schools Task Force Fund to al-
5 low the Task Force on Accountable Schools to complete the work tasks outlined in section
6 1 (2) and (3) of this 2011 Act.

7 **SECTION 4.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2011 Act are repealed on the date of the con-
8 vening of the 2012 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

9 (2) Any moneys remaining in the Accountable Schools Task Force Fund on the date of
10 the repeal of sections 1 and 2 of this 2011 Act shall be returned to the donor of the funds or,
11 if the donor cannot be identified, deposited into the General Fund.

12 **SECTION 5.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
13 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
14 on its passage.
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