

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2289

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Including House Amendments dated April 14 and June 7

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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.

Establishes Task Force on Accountable Schools for purpose of recommending for legislation methods of evaluating and improving student performance. **Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2012 regular session of Legislative Assembly.**

[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.]

Exempts applicants present in United States on nonimmigrant visa from requirement that applicants for first-time teaching license or registration demonstrate knowledge of certain state and federal laws and ethical standards.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.123; 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.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2012
39 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

40 **SECTION 3.** ORS 342.123 is amended to read:

41 342.123. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other law or rule or standard established by
42 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the commission shall require an applicant for a
43 first-time license or registration issued by the commission to demonstrate knowledge of:

44 [(1)] (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,
45 and other relevant federal and state statutes prohibiting discrimination; and

1 [(2)] (b) Ethical standards of professional conduct for licensees and registrants, as determined
2 by the commission.

3 **(2) The requirements of this section do not apply to an applicant who is present in the**
4 **United States on a nonimmigrant visa.**

5 **SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
7 **on its passage.**

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