

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, George, Morse, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Steiner Hayward
Prepared By:	Victoria Cox, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/6, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Task Force on Virtual School Governance for purpose of recommending governance structure for virtual education that is provided statewide. Specifies membership of Task Force. Requires report be submitted to interim legislative committees no later than October 1, 2012. Sunsets upon convening of 2013 Legislative Session. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previous work of the Task Force
- Time challenges due to late appointment of members
- Addition of members and expansion of mission

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Task Force on Virtual School Governance was created by Senate Bill 994 (2011), but members were not appointed until October. Senate Bill 1539 reconstitutes the Task Force to allow more time to complete its recommendations regarding virtual school governance. The measure also expands Task Force membership to include a parent of a child enrolled in a virtual charter school and a parent of a child utilizing on-line learning in a traditional school setting.