

Senate Bill 1539

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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 **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Virtual School Governance for purpose of recommending governance structure for virtual education that is provided statewide.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2013 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Task Force on Virtual School Governance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Virtual School Governance is established.**

5 **(2) The task force shall consist of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among the members of**
7 **the Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **the members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint one member to represent the**
11 **Department of Education.**

12 **(d) The Governor shall appoint the following four members:**

13 **(A) Two members who represent virtual education;**

14 **(B) One member who is a parent of a student enrolled in a virtual public charter school;**
15 **and**

16 **(C) One member who is a parent of a student who is receiving a virtual education from**
17 **a provider that is not a virtual public charter school.**

18 **(3) The task force shall recommend a governance structure for virtual education that is**
19 **provided statewide. The recommended governance structure must:**

20 **(a) Be based on the findings made by the State Board of Education, as provided by**
21 **chapter 72, Oregon Laws 2010; and**

22 **(b) Address a variety of methods and sources by which virtual education is provided, in-**
23 **cluding:**

24 **(A) Part-time and full-time virtual public charter schools; and**

25 **(B) One or more online courses that are provided by a private entity or by a school dis-**
26 **trict, an education service district or another public entity.**

27 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
28 **transaction of business.**

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

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

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

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

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

9 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
10 lation, to the interim legislative committees on education no later than October 1, 2012.

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

13 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
14 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
15 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
16 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
17 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Administration
18 Committee.

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

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2012 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013
24 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

25 **SECTION 3.** This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.

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