

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:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: 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 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of similar legislation, including incomplete mission of previous task force
- Need for ongoing review of virtual schools regarding best practices, outdated legislation, and general good governance
- Strong response by current students and parents of students taking advantage of virtual schools
- Concern that existing task force options would be curtailed or eliminated in the future

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1539 (2012) previously established the Task Force on Virtual School Governance, which was to sunset on the convening of the 2013 legislative session. The membership of that task force was never fully appointed, and so was not able to completely fulfill the substantive requirements of the bill.