

# Senate Bill 761

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## 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 2015 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 Governor shall appoint the following five members:**

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

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

13 **(C) One member who is a parent of a student who is receiving a virtual education from**  
14 **a provider that is not a virtual public charter school; and**

15 **(D) One member who represents the Department of Education.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**

**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 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

5 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-  
6 lation, to the interim legislative committees on education no later than October 1, 2014.

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2015  
20 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

21 SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect  
23 on its passage.