

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2968**

1 In line 2 of the printed A-engrossed bill, after “expenditures” insert “; and
2 declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 22 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on State School Fund Expendi-**
5 **tures for Students in Poverty is established for the purpose of**
6 **producing a report on how State School Fund expenditures relate to**
7 **the educational achievements of students from families in poverty.**

8 **“(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:**

9 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the**
10 **majority party of the Senate and one member from the minority party**
11 **of the Senate.**

12 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**
13 **member from the majority party of the House of Representatives and**
14 **one member from the minority party of the House of Representatives.**

15 **“(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of**
16 **Representatives shall jointly appoint the following 11 members:**

17 **“(A) Two members who represent community-based organizations**
18 **or nonprofit organizations;**

19 **“(B) Two members who represent parents or organizations that**
20 **represent parents;**

21 **“(C) One member who represents public school teachers;**

22 **“(D) One member who represents classified school employees;**

1 **“(E) One member who represents school district administrators;**
2 **“(F) One member who represents school district boards;**
3 **“(G) One member who represents education service districts;**
4 **“(H) One member who is a school district business manager or who**
5 **has expertise in school finances related to students from families in**
6 **poverty; and**

7 **“(I) One member who has expertise in addressing issues of students**
8 **from families in poverty.**

9 **“(3) To produce the report described in subsection (1) of this sec-**
10 **tion, the task force shall examine:**

11 **“(a) The financial resources available from state, local and federal**
12 **sources to serve students from families in poverty;**

13 **“(b) The poverty weight under ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A)(v)(I) for State**
14 **School Fund distributions, including the amount that is distributed to**
15 **school districts as a result of the poverty weight, how school districts**
16 **use moneys received under the poverty weight and whether the pov-**
17 **erty weight is sufficient to serve the needs of students from families**
18 **in poverty;**

19 **“(c) Research related to how student academic achievement is im-**
20 **pacted by poverty;**

21 **“(d) Best practices to address learning barriers and improve educa-**
22 **tional outcomes for students from families in poverty, including**
23 **strategies or programs to reduce dropout rates, increase high school**
24 **graduation rates or reduce chronic absenteeism of students from**
25 **families in poverty; and**

26 **“(e) Other funding or financial barriers associated with increasing**
27 **academic achievement for students from families in poverty.**

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

30 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**

1 majority of the members of the task force.

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

4 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
5 or authorities shall make an appointment to become immediately ef-
6 fective.

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

10 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
11 the task force.

12 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
13 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
14 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education
15 no later than September 15, 2016.

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

18 “(12) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who
19 are members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage
20 expenses or a per diem and serve as volunteers on the task force.
21 Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or
22 reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

28 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,
29 2016.

30 “SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate

1 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
2 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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