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SUMMARY

Establishes Task Force on Restorative Justice. Prescribes membership and duties of task force.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to restorative justice; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Restorative Justice is established.

(2) The task force consists of 22 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.

(c) The Governor shall appoint 20 members as follows:

(A) One member who is a representative of a statewide association for school boards;

(B) One member who is a representative of a statewide association for school administrators;

(C) One member who is a representative of a statewide organization for teachers;

(D) One member who is a school-based mental health professional;

(E) One member who is a nonlicensed education staff;

(F) One member who is a student who has been subjected to

1 **harassment, intimidation or bullying in school;**

2 **(G) One member who is a student or former student who was sub-**
3 **jected to out-of-school suspension or expulsion;**

4 **(H) One member who is a parent of a public school student;**

5 **(I) One member who is a juvenile court judge;**

6 **(J) One member who is a public defender who practices in juvenile**
7 **court;**

8 **(K) One member who is a prosecutor who practices in juvenile**
9 **court;**

10 **(L) One member who is a mental health professional with experi-**
11 **ence in the juvenile justice system;**

12 **(M) One member who is a representative of law enforcement;**

13 **(N) One member who is a juvenile impacted by the juvenile justice**
14 **system;**

15 **(O) One member who is a victim of a crime or who is a victims'**
16 **advocate;**

17 **(P) One member who was a member of the Task Force on School**
18 **Safety;**

19 **(Q) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Youth Au-**
20 **thority;**

21 **(R) One member who is a representative of the Youth Development**
22 **Division; and**

23 **(S) Two members who are representatives of the Department of**
24 **Education.**

25 **(3) The task force shall make recommendations to achieve the fol-**
26 **lowing goals:**

27 **(a) Reducing exclusionary discipline in schools;**

28 **(b) Reducing juvenile incarceration; and**

29 **(c) Reducing racial disparities in both education and juvenile jus-**
30 **tice.**

31 **(4) For the purpose of making the recommendations described in**

1 subsection (3) of this section, the task force shall:

2 (a) Study restorative justice systems and requirements in other
3 states, both in education and juvenile justice.

4 (b) Study restorative justice oversight in other states, both in edu-
5 cation and juvenile justice.

6 (c) Consult with national experts on restorative justice and
7 restorative practices, both in education and juvenile justice.

8 (d) Consult with researchers from the Oregon Criminal Justice
9 Commission.

10 (e) Recommend statutory definitions for restorative justice for both
11 the public education system and the juvenile justice system of this
12 state.

13 (f) Recommend policies for implementing restorative justice in both
14 the public education system and the juvenile justice system of this
15 state.

16 (g) Recommend the scope, duties and membership of a permanent,
17 independent restorative justice council to oversee restorative justice
18 programs throughout this state, both in the public education system
19 and the juvenile justice system.

20 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes
21 a quorum for the transaction of business.

22 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-
23 jority of the voting members of the task force.

24 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-
25 person.

26 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
27 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

28 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
29 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the
30 task force.

31 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of

1 **the task force.**

2 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
3 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
4 **the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no**
5 **later than September 15, 2022.**

6 **(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall provide sup-**
7 **port to the task force with staff from both the education and judiciary**
8 **policy areas.**

9 **(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**
10 **force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-**
11 **visory capacity only.**

12 **(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-**
13 **lative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement**
14 **for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,**
21 **2022.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**
23 **on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative As-**
24 **sembly adjourns sine die.**

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