 Senate Bill 609
Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (Presession filed.)

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.


A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to research on learning; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Learning is established. The purpose of the task force is to conduct research to create and implement a seamless system of public education.

(2) The task force consists of 20 members appointed as follows:

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

(b) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.

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

(d) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.

(e) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint 16 members as follows:

(A) Three members who are teachers for any grade from kindergarten through grade 12;

(B) Three members who are from the business community, with one of those members being from a high technology field;

(C) Four members who are professors at institutions of post-secondary education, with one of those members being from a science department and one of those members being from the education department;

(D) One member who is an administrator for any grades from kindergarten through grade 12;

(E) Two members who are parents of students in any grade from kindergarten through grade 12;

(F) One member who is a student in any grade from grade 9 through 12;

(G) One member who is a student at an institution of post-secondary education; and

(H) One member who is a representative of the Department of Education.

(3) When conducting research to create and implement a seamless system of public education, the task force shall ensure that:

(a) What is being taught to students in early years supports them throughout their ed-

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ucation careers, including preparing them to succeed in post-secondary education;

(b) Appropriate and effective services and supports are provided to students in their
home, school and community to help them be successful in their education;

(c) What students are learning and the tests that they are taking are useful not only in
post-secondary education and future employment, but also to employers; and

(d) Education is helping students to become well-rounded members of society and to be
capable of adjusting to and excelling in the careers they choose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
shall include recommendations for legislation and administrative rules, to the interim com-
mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to education and to the subcommittee of the
Joint Committee on Ways and Means with authority over education. The report must be
submitted no later than September 15, 2022.

(11) The Legislative and Policy Research Office shall provide staff support to the task
force.

(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses.

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

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

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
on its passage.

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