

Senate Bill 624

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of Oregon Education Association) (Pre-session 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**.

Establishes Task Force on Public Charter School Overview. Directs task force to study educational, fiscal, legal and political efficacy of public charter schools and virtual public charter schools in this state and to report to committees of Legislative Assembly related to education.

Sunset June 30, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public charter school overview; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Public Charter School Overview is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 14 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the**
7 **Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the**
9 **majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of**
10 **the House of Representatives.**

11 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 10 members as follows:**

12 **(A) One representative of school district boards;**

13 **(B) One representative of school administrators;**

14 **(C) One representative of educators;**

15 **(D) One representative of parents;**

16 **(E) One representative of classified educator staff;**

17 **(F) One representative of education service districts;**

18 **(G) One representative of a public charter school that is not a virtual public charter**
19 **school;**

20 **(H) One representative of a virtual public charter school;**

21 **(I) One representative of a post-secondary institution of education; and**

22 **(J) One member who is a research expert.**

23 **(3) The task force shall:**

24 **(a) Study the educational, fiscal, legal and political efficacy of public charter schools and**
25 **virtual public charter schools in this state, with an emphasis on the role of profit, equity,**
26 **algorithmic instruction and student privacy concerns in virtual public charter schools; and**

27 **(b) Make recommendations for any proposed legislation related to public charter schools.**

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

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

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 members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

8 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
9 lation, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than
10 March 15, 2022.

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

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

15 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
16 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
17 force.

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

22 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on June 30, 2022.

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

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