

Senate Bill 736

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SUMMARY

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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

1
2 Relating to restorative justice; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 **(B) One member who is a representative of a statewide association for school adminis-**
13 **trators;**

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

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

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

17 **(F) One member who is a student who has been subjected to harassment, intimidation**
18 **or bullying in school;**

19 **(G) One member who is a student or former student who was subjected to out-of-school**
20 **suspension or expulsion;**

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

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

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

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

25 **(L) One member who is a mental health professional with experience in the juvenile jus-**
26 **tice system;**

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

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

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

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

31 **(Q) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Youth Authority;**

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 **(R) One member who is a representative of the Youth Development Division; and**
 2 **(S) Two members who are representatives of the Department of Education.**
 3 **(3) The task force shall make recommendations to achieve the following goals:**
 4 **(a) Reducing exclusionary discipline in schools;**
 5 **(b) Reducing juvenile incarceration; and**
 6 **(c) Reducing racial disparities in both education and juvenile justice.**
 7 **(4) For the purpose of making the recommendations described in subsection (3) of this**
 8 **section, the task force shall:**
 9 **(a) Study restorative justice systems and requirements in other states, both in education**
 10 **and juvenile justice.**
 11 **(b) Study restorative justice oversight in other states, both in education and juvenile**
 12 **justice.**
 13 **(c) Consult with national experts on restorative justice and restorative practices, both**
 14 **in education and juvenile justice.**
 15 **(d) Consult with researchers from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.**
 16 **(e) Recommend statutory definitions for restorative justice for both the public education**
 17 **system and the juvenile justice system of this state.**
 18 **(f) Recommend policies for implementing restorative justice in both the public education**
 19 **system and the juvenile justice system of this state.**
 20 **(g) Recommend the scope, duties and membership of a permanent, independent**
 21 **restorative justice council to oversee restorative justice programs throughout this state,**
 22 **both in the public education system and the juvenile justice system.**
 23 **(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
 24 **transaction of business.**
 25 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
 26 **members of the task force.**
 27 **(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**
 28 **(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
 29 **ment to become immediately effective.**
 30 **(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
 31 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**
 32 **(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**
 33 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
 34 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the appropriate interim committees of the**
 35 **Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.**
 36 **(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall provide support to the task force**
 37 **with staff from both the education and judiciary policy areas.**
 38 **(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**
 39 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**
 40 **(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**
 41 **entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**
 42 **force.**
 43 **(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
 44 **the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted**
 45 **by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task**

1 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

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

3 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
4 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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