



Legislative Fiscal Office
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Bill Title: Relating to access to materials; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Legislative Policy and Research Office, Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This measure establishes a task force - see analysis below.

Measure Description

The measure creates the 17-member Task Force on Accessibility to Public School Materials. The task force must review the provisions of SB 1583 A-engrossed; identify constitutional constraints for the regulation of specified school curricula or library books; study legal barriers and litigation that have arisen for local school boards in relation to applying age-appropriate standards for school libraries; and make recommendations for potential legislation to be introduced in the 2025 regular session. The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) must provide staff support to the task force. Legislative members on the task force are entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses; all other task force members serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$191,306 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, which can be supported within LPRO’s 2023-25 legislatively approved budget.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

LPRO assumes a minimal fiscal impact to support the task force with existing staff. Assuming bimonthly meetings over an eight-month period, this will require one Senior Legislative Analyst (0.17 FTE) assigned part-time to the task force and one Committee Assistant (0.17 FTE) assigned part-time to the task force, at a total cost of \$191,306 General Fund. Although LPRO’s 2023-25 legislatively approved budget supports interim committees and task forces, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2023-25 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Legislative Assembly

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Legislative Assembly.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The task force must meet at least four times before December 15, 2024, and submit a report to an interim legislative committee related to education by December 31, 2024. The task force sunsets on January 2, 2025.