

Requested by Representative MCINTIRE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 1583**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon
2 delete the rest of the line.

3 Delete lines 5 through 25 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Discrimination in Public School
5 Materials is established.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:**

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

10 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
11 member from the majority party of the House of Representatives and
12 one member from a minority party of the House of Representatives.**

13 **“(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint 11
14 members as follows:**

15 **“(A) One representative from a statewide organization that repres-
16 ents school boards;**

17 **“(B) One representative from a statewide organization that repres-
18 ents school administrators;**

19 **“(C) One representative from the Department of Education who is
20 involved in investigations or the enforcement of ORS 659.850;**

21 **“(D) At least one representative of a school district who makes de-**

1 **cisions related to the availability of textbooks, instructional materials**
2 **or library books or who makes decisions related to curricula; and**

3 **“(E) Legal counsel or any other relevant stakeholders, as identified**
4 **by the superintendent.**

5 **“(3) The task force shall:**

6 **“(a) Study instances in this state and other states related to the**
7 **exclusion of textbooks, instructional materials, curricula or library**
8 **books in public schools based on a protected class;**

9 **“(b) Study the current policies of school districts in this state re-**
10 **lated to the availability of textbooks, instructional materials, curricula**
11 **and library books and efforts by school districts to prevent discrimi-**
12 **nation based on a protected class;**

13 **“(c) Identify nondiscriminatory reasons that a school district may**
14 **not make available a textbook, instructional material, curriculum or**
15 **library book at a public school;**

16 **“(d) Evaluate and propose methods for evaluating textbooks, in-**
17 **structional materials, curricula and library books in a manner that**
18 **prevents discrimination based on a protected class but that also pre-**
19 **serves a school district’s discretion in decisions related to the avail-**
20 **ability of textbooks, instructional materials, curricula and library**
21 **books;**

22 **“(e) Review existing State Board of Education and Department of**
23 **Education rules and polices related to the availability of textbooks,**
24 **instructional materials, curricula and library books in the public**
25 **schools of this state, and relevant statutes; and**

26 **“(f) Review the potential legal impact on school districts by pro-**
27 **hibiting the selection or retention of, or the refusal to select or retain,**
28 **textbooks, instructional materials, curricula or library books on the**
29 **basis of a protected class.**

30 **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**

1 a quorum for the transaction of business.

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

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

6 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
7 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

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

13 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
14 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
15 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education
16 no later than November 30, 2024.

17 “(11) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to
18 the task force.

19 “(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task
20 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-
21 visory capacity only.

22 “(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
23 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement
24 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

30 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31,

1 **2024.**

2 **“SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate**
3 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
4 **declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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