

EDUCATION TASK FORCE

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stuart C. Reid

House Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Education Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Education Task Force;
- ▶ provides for membership of the task force and compensation for members; and
- ▶ specifies duties and responsibilities of the task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on December 31, 2013.

Uncodified Material Affected:

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Education Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.

(1) There is created the Education Task Force consisting of the following 14 members:

(a) the president of the Senate;

(b) the Senate chair of each of the following committees:

(i) the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;

(ii) the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and

- 30 (iii) the Senate Education Committee;
- 31 (c) the Senate minority leader;
- 32 (d) one member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate;
- 33 (e) one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate minority leader;
- 34 (f) the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 35 (g) the House chair of each of the following committees:
- 36 (i) the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;
- 37 (ii) the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and
- 38 (iii) the House Education Committee;
- 39 (h) the House minority leader;
- 40 (i) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House
- 41 of Representatives; and
- 42 (j) one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House minority
- 43 leader.
- 44 (2) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall
- 45 serve as a cochair of the task force.
- 46 (3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the legislative interim
- 47 rules.
- 48 (4) Salaries of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance with Section
- 49 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expense and Mileage Reimbursement
- 50 for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override Sessions.
- 51 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
- 52 to the task force.
- 53 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**
- 54 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on public education and
- 55 higher education issues, including:
- 56 (a) identification of long-term education policies necessary to help job creation and
- 57 education quality to improve the state's economic prosperity;

58 (b) alignment of public education and higher education, including the Utah College of
59 Applied Technology, within their individual organizational structures and a combined seamless
60 alignment of public education and higher education in support of a successful education system
61 for student achievement;

62 (c) alignment of both public education and higher education with the state's economic
63 development goals and workforce needs;

64 (d) long-term priorities for public education and higher education funding and
65 budgeting; and

66 (e) setting standards to be economically competitive in the United States and
67 throughout the world.

68 (2) The task force shall receive and consider recommendations from education
69 stakeholders regarding public school funding including issues of equity, local replacement
70 funding, taxation, formula development, distribution, transparency, and growth.

71 (3) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to both the
72 Education Interim Committee and the Executive Appropriations Committee before December
73 31, 2013.

74 Section 3. **Repeal date.**

75 This bill is repealed on December 31, 2013.