
HOUSE BILL 2116

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By Representatives Callan, Eslick, Frame, Klippert, Blake, Ramos, and Lovick

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a task force on improving
2 institutional education programs and outcomes; creating a new
3 section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint select legislative task
6 force on improving institutional education programs and outcomes is
7 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

8 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
9 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate, with each member
10 serving on the committee with jurisdiction over education issues.

11 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
12 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
13 representatives, with each member serving on the committee with
14 jurisdiction over education issues.

15 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
16 representatives shall jointly appoint one member representing
17 counties, as recommended by an association representing counties.

18 (iv) The governor shall appoint one member from each of the
19 following agencies: The state board of education; the department of
20 children, youth, and families; the department of corrections; and the
21 youth academy of the military department. The appointee from the

1 department of children, youth, and families must possess expertise
2 related to providing education services to residents of a juvenile
3 rehabilitation facility that receives education services from a
4 school district that enrolls at least twenty thousand students.

5 (v) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint two
6 members representing the office of the superintendent of public
7 instruction: One with expertise in the delivery of education
8 services; and one with expertise in fiscal matters. The
9 superintendent of public instruction shall also appoint one member
10 who is a superintendent from a school district with at least twenty
11 thousand enrolled students that provides education services to a
12 juvenile rehabilitation facility.

13 (b) The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its
14 legislative membership. One cochair must be from a minority caucus in
15 one of the two chambers of the legislature. A member from the
16 majority caucus of the house of representatives shall convene the
17 initial meeting of the task force by July 1, 2019.

18 (2) The task force shall examine the following issues:

19 (a) Goals and strategies for improving the coordination and
20 delivery of education services to the highly mobile youth population,
21 especially youth in juvenile rehabilitation settings;

22 (b) Goals and strategies for increasing the graduation rate of
23 youth in institutional settings;

24 (c) The level and adequacy of education funding and education
25 staffing ratios for institutional settings; and

26 (d) The transmission of academic records for students in
27 institutional settings and recommendations for ensuring that those
28 records are available to the applicable instructional staff within
29 two business days of a person's admission to the institution.

30 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
31 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
32 program research. The office of financial management shall cooperate
33 with the task force and provide information as the cochairs may
34 reasonably request.

35 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
36 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
37 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
38 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
39 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
40 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

1 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
2 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
3 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
4 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
5 successor committees.

6 (6) The task force shall report its initial findings and
7 recommendations to the governor and, in accordance with RCW
8 43.01.036, the appropriate committees of the house of representatives
9 and the senate by December 1, 2019. The initial findings and
10 recommendations must address the transmission of academic records as
11 required by subsection (2)(d) of this section. The task force shall
12 submit a final report to the same recipients by December 1, 2020,
13 that includes findings and recommendations addressing subsection
14 (2)(a) through (c) of this section.

15 (7) This section expires June 30, 2021.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
18 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
19 effect immediately.

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