

SHB 1886 - H AMD 318

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that it is
4 charged by the state Constitution, and entrusted by the voters, to be
5 the principal public policy setting body of Washington state. The
6 legislature recognizes also that a critical component of its policy
7 setting obligations centers upon establishing and amending well-
8 considered and appropriate governance provisions for the K-12
9 education system.

10 (2) The legislature finds that the K-12 education system is a
11 constantly evolving barometer of change that reflects the growth,
12 complexity, and diversity of the state. While the state's K-12
13 education system can be traced to Washington's first territorial
14 legislature, properly responding to the needs and expectations of a
15 system that is devoted to providing a high quality education to more
16 than one million students requires continual evaluations and
17 refinements.

18 (3) The legislature recognizes that the challenges of setting
19 state education policy are compounded by two important
20 considerations: (a) An evolving federal role in education issues that
21 began in the 1960s and has changed the interplay between states and
22 the federal government by establishing specific responsibilities for
23 the principal state education agency in each state; and (b) the
24 existence of two Washington state educational agencies with
25 territorial roots, the office of the superintendent of public
26 instruction and the state board of education. Furthermore, the
27 legislature recognizes that the division of responsibilities between
28 these state agencies is multifaceted, as the elected superintendents
29 of public instruction served, from 1897 until recently, as the ex-
30 officio presidents of the state board of education.

31 (4) The legislature, therefore, intends to promote the improved
32 functioning of the K-12 education system by acting upon its public
33 policy setting authority to examine specific K-12 governance and

1 responsibilities considerations. To accomplish this objective, the
2 legislature intends to convene a task force to develop
3 recommendations regarding the appropriate division of duties between
4 the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of
5 education.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) The legislative task force on K-12
7 governance and responsibilities is established, with members as
8 provided in this subsection.

9 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint two task force
10 members: The chair and ranking minority member of the senate early
11 learning and K-12 education committee.

12 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
13 two task force members: The chair and ranking minority member of the
14 house of representatives education committee.

15 (iii) The task force shall also consist of:

16 (A) The governor or the governor's designee;

17 (B) The superintendent of public instruction or the
18 superintendent's designee;

19 (C) The chair of the state board of education;

20 (D) The president of the Washington state school directors'
21 association; and

22 (E) The chair of the student achievement council.

23 (b) The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its
24 legislative membership. The chair of the house of representatives
25 education committee shall convene the initial meeting of the task
26 force on or before June 1, 2017.

27 (2) The task force shall review the following issues:

28 (a) Legislation introduced in 2017 relating to the
29 responsibilities of the superintendent of public instruction and the
30 state board of education;

31 (b) The constitutional and statutory provisions establishing the
32 governance structure and associated responsibilities in the K-12
33 system;

34 (c) Options for the division of roles and responsibilities
35 between the office of the superintendent of public instruction and
36 the state board of education;

37 (d) Past and present provisions governing the superintendent of
38 public instruction and the superintendent's office, including
39 authorities and duties assigned and modified by the legislature;

1 (e) Past and present provisions governing the state board of
2 education, including provisions prescribing its authorities, duties,
3 composition, and membership qualifications; and

4 (f) Considerations of governance and responsibility provisions
5 for other public partner agencies in the K-12 system.

6 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
7 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
8 program research, with additional assistance, if requested by the
9 task force, provided by the office of the superintendent of public
10 instruction and the state board of education.

11 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
12 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
13 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
14 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
15 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
16 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

17 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
18 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
19 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
20 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
21 successor committees.

22 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations,
23 including recommendations regarding the appropriate roles and
24 responsibilities of the superintendent of public instruction and the
25 state board of education in the K-12 system, to the education
26 committees of the house of representatives and the senate by November
27 15, 2017.

28 (7) This section expires January 31, 2018.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
31 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
32 effect immediately."

33 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Removes all provisions of the underlying bill.

(2) Establishes the legislative task force on K-12 governance and responsibilities, and specifies membership provisions and duties.

(3) Directs the task force to convene by June 1, 2017, and to report its findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding the appropriate roles and responsibilities of the

Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education in the K-12 system, to the education committees of the Legislature by November 15, 2017.

(4) Includes intent language.

(5) Declares an emergency and makes all provisions effective immediately.

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