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**HOUSE BILL 2116**

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**By** Representatives Callan, Eslick, Frame, Klippert, Blake, Ramos, Lovick, Davis, Doglio, Leavitt, Senn, Pollet, and Santos

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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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