

HB 2502 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/06/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-1-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wilde

Nays: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 3/11, 4/1, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands membership of the Task Force on School Safety to include five members who represent historically disadvantaged groups. Specifies that additional five members represent historically, traditionally, and currently disadvantaged or underrepresented groups. Revises charge of Task Force by specifying that it shall examine existing and emerging: school safety issues using an all-hazards and equity driven approach; models of education and training programs for law enforcement officers, first responders, and school employees on school safety, security, and emergency management; and models for protocols for school safety, security, and emergency management and to what extent protocols are appropriate. Removes charge on database recommendations. Specifies Task Force should meet by phone or video conference to the extent possible but may meet in-person. Extends sunset of Task Force from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2023. Adds additional report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and efforts of Task Force on School Safety
- Need for diversity of voices and modification of charge
- Interest in achieving geographical diversity

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Revises charge of Task Force on School Safety. Specifies that additional five members on Task Force represent historically, traditionally, and currently disadvantaged or underrepresented groups. Specifies Task Force shall examine existing and emerging: school safety issues using an all-hazards and equity driven approach; models of education and training programs for law enforcement officers, first responders, and school employees on school safety, security, and emergency management; and models for protocols for school safety, security, and emergency management and to what extent protocols are appropriate. Removes charge on database recommendations. Specifies Task Force should meet by phone or video conference to the extent possible but may meet in-person. Updates reporting requirement and staff support designation. Makes technical corrections.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Task Force on School Safety was established in 2014 and was charged with hiring a vendor to create a database of floor plans for all schools in the state, and examining models, protocols, and training for law enforcement officers, first responders, and school personnel on school safety and incident response. The Task Force also established the SafeOregon school safety tipline. The Task Force currently has 18 members and is set to sunset on December 31, 2021.

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House Bill 2502 A adds an additional five members to the Task Force who represent historically disadvantaged groups, revises the charge, and extends the sunset on the Task Force to December 31, 2023.