

# Senate Bill 609

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Learning. Prescribes membership and duties of task force.  
Sunsets December 31, 2022.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to research on learning; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Learning is established. The purpose of the task force**  
5 **is to conduct research to create and implement a seamless system of public education.**

6 **(2) The task force consists of 20 members appointed as follows:**

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
8 **Senate.**

9 **(b) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members**  
10 **of the Senate.**

11 **(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**  
12 **members of the House of Representatives.**

13 **(d) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from**  
14 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

15 **(e) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint 16 members as follows:**

16 **(A) Three members who are teachers for any grade from kindergarten through grade 12;**

17 **(B) Three members who are from the business community, with one of those members**  
18 **being from a high technology field;**

19 **(C) Four members who are professors at institutions of post-secondary education, with**  
20 **one of those members being from a science department and one of those members being**  
21 **from the education department;**

22 **(D) One member who is an administrator for any grades from kindergarten through**  
23 **grade 12;**

24 **(E) Two members who are parents of students in any grade from kindergarten through**  
25 **grade 12;**

26 **(F) One member who is a student in any grade from grade 9 through 12;**

27 **(G) One member who is a student at an institution of post-secondary education; and**

28 **(H) One member who is a representative of the Department of Education.**

29 **(3) When conducting research to create and implement a seamless system of public ed-**  
30 **ucation, the task force shall ensure that:**

31 **(a) What is being taught to students in early years supports them throughout their ed-**

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1 **ucation careers, including preparing them to succeed in post-secondary education;**

2 **(b) Appropriate and effective services and supports are provided to students in their**  
3 **home, school and community to help them be successful in their education;**

4 **(c) What students are learning and the tests that they are taking are useful not only in**  
5 **post-secondary education and future employment, but also to employers; and**

6 **(d) Education is helping students to become well-rounded members of society and to be**  
7 **capable of adjusting to and excelling in the careers they choose.**

8 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**  
9 **transaction of business.**

10 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**  
11 **members of the task force.**

12 **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

13 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**  
14 **ment to become immediately effective.**

15 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
16 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

17 **(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

18 **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
19 **shall include recommendations for legislation and administrative rules, to the interim com-**  
20 **mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to education and to the subcommittee of the**  
21 **Joint Committee on Ways and Means with authority over education. The report must be**  
22 **submitted no later than September 15, 2022.**

23 **(11) The Legislative and Policy Research Office shall provide staff support to the task**  
24 **force.**

25 **(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**  
26 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

27 **(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
28 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses.**

29 **(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**  
30 **the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted**  
31 **by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task**  
32 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

33 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.**

34 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
35 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
36 **on its passage.**

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