

Senate Bill 702

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, MANNING JR; Senators BEYER, FREDERICK, GOLDEN, GORSEK, THATCHER, Representatives CAMPOS, FAHEY, GOMBERG, HUDSON, LIVELY, WILDE, WILLIAMS (at the request of Next Up Action Fund)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Social Studies Standards. Directs task force to review social studies standards, to make recommendations for any changes related to social studies standards and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education.

Sunsets December 31, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to social studies standards; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Social Studies Standards is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed as follows:**

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

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **the members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint nine members. The members can represent any combi-**
11 **nation of the following but must include at least one member who is:**

12 **(A) A public school student in any grade from grade 9 through 12;**

13 **(B) A person who graduated from a public high school in 2015 or any subsequent year;**

14 **(C) A public school teacher in any grade from grade 9 through 12;**

15 **(D) An education advocate;**

16 **(E) A voting rights advocate;**

17 **(F) A representative of a culturally specific organization; and**

18 **(G) A representative of the Department of Education.**

19 **(3) The task force shall:**

20 **(a) Review the social studies standards for kindergarten through grade 12, with an em-**
21 **phasis on civics education and making more accessible instruction related to:**

22 **(A) Voting rights and how to vote;**

23 **(B) Current and historical social movements; and**

24 **(C) The roles of local governments and tribal governments.**

25 **(b) Make recommendations for any changes related to the social studies standards.**

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

28 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

8 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
9 lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later
10 than September 15, 2022.

11 (11) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force.

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

14 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
15 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
16 force.

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

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

22 SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021
23 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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