

House Bill 2904

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Creates a task force to study the QEM. (Flesch Readability Score: 100.0).
Establishes the Oregon Quality Education Model Modernization Task Force.
Sunsets the task force January 2, 2027.
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Quality Education Model Modernization Task Force is es-**
5 **tablished for the purposes of evaluating current standards for staffing, technology and**
6 **transportation and evaluating workforce requirements and opportunities for private sector**
7 **investment. When performing the duties of the task force under this section, the task force**
8 **shall consider the study conducted under section 12, chapter 95, Oregon Laws 2024.**

9 **(2) The task force shall consist of nine members appointed as follows:**

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

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

14 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

15 **(A) One member who is a school district superintendent;**

16 **(B) One member who is a member of a school district board;**

17 **(C) One member who is a public school teacher of any grade from kindergarten to grade**
18 **12;**

19 **(D) Two members who are parents of students in public schools in this state;**

20 **(E) One member who represents the business community; and**

21 **(F) One member who does not have any children in the public schools of this state.**

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

23 **(a) Evaluate the manner by which the Quality Education Commission establishes goals**
24 **and determines the costs for educational resources, including staffing, technology and**
25 **transportation;**

26 **(b) Evaluate workforce requirements and opportunities for private sector investment**
27 **based on the region served by a school district or an education service district;**

28 **(c) Develop a baseline budget for the public schools of this state and for each school**
29 **district to implement the recommendations of the Quality Education Commission;**

30 **(d) Add an additional three percent to the baseline budget developed under paragraph (c)**

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 of this subsection to be used by school districts directly in classrooms in the manner deter-
2 mined best by each school district; and

3 (e) Identify the funding needed at 80, 90, 100 and 103 percent of the adjusted budget cal-
4 culated as provided under paragraph (d) of this subsection.

5 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
6 transaction of business.

7 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
8 members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

15 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
16 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committee of the Legislative
17 Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2026. The report must include an
18 analysis of the evaluations and budget model described in subsection (3) of this section pro-
19 vided by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office.

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

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

23 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
24 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
25 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
26 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
27 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Education for
28 purposes of the task force.

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 its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
31 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
32 consider necessary to perform their duties.

33 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

34 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
35 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
36 on its passage.

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