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H.B. No. 1666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a task force on school district administrative
3 efficiency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Subchapter K to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER K. TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE
8 EFFICIENCY

9 Sec. 11.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "task force"
10 means the task force on school district administrative efficiency
11 established under this subchapter.

12 Sec. 11.502. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE; PURPOSE. A task
13 force on school district administrative efficiency shall be
14 established to review and analyze agency data collected from school
15 districts on the costs of district administrative services and to
16 determine how school district administration may be made more
17 efficient through administrative reorganization and consolidation.

18 Sec. 11.503. COMPOSITION; VACANCY; APPOINTMENT. (a) The
19 task force shall be composed of nine members as follows:

20 (1) four members appointed by the governor as follows:
21 (A) a parent of a public school student in this
22 state;

23 (B) a business person with professional
24 experience relating to reorganization and modernization of a

1 private or public organization;

2 (C) a retired superintendent of a school district
3 in this state with an enrollment of at least 100,000 students; and

4 (D) a retired superintendent of a school district
5 in this state with an enrollment of not more than 25,000 students;

6 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant governor
7 as follows:

8 (A) a retired principal of a public school in
9 this state or a retired superintendent of a school district in this
10 state;

11 (B) a person with not less than 10 years of
12 classroom teaching experience in a school district that, during the
13 preceding school year, had a wealth per student, as defined by
14 Section 41.001, that was in the highest 25 percent among school
15 districts in this state; and

16 (C) a person with not less than 10 years of
17 classroom teaching experience in a school district that, during the
18 preceding school year, had a wealth per student, as defined by
19 Section 41.001, that was in the lowest 25 percent among school
20 districts in this state; and

21 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house
22 of representatives as follows:

23 (A) a person employed by or otherwise associated
24 with an institution of higher education in this state who has an
25 academic degree or other background in economics, finance,
26 accounting, or business; and

27 (B) a person with professional experience

1 relating to reorganization and modernization of a private or public
2 organization or a retired superintendent of a school district in
3 this state.

4 (b) Initial appointments to the task force shall be made not
5 later than October 1, 2013.

6 (c) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same
7 manner as the initial appointment.

8 Sec. 11.504. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE. (a) While
9 serving on the task force, an individual may not:

10 (1) hold any public office or be a member of another
11 state board, commission, committee, or task force; or

12 (2) be an employee of any state department, agency,
13 institution, board, commission, committee, or task force.

14 (b) An individual may not be a member of the task force or
15 act as the general counsel to the task force if the individual or
16 the individual's spouse is required to register as a lobbyist under
17 Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the individual's
18 activities for compensation on behalf of a profession or entity
19 related to the operation of the task force.

20 Sec. 11.505. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE; CONTRACTS. (a) The task
21 force shall perform a thorough review of all school district
22 administrative functions, including responsibilities of district
23 administrators, and expenditures by districts, in order to:

24 (1) identify the causes of administrative
25 inefficiencies;

26 (2) identify duplicative assignments, rules,
27 policies, or procedures that may be consolidated; and

1 (3) consider and develop solutions and methods to
2 correct and improve any duplicative or inefficient administrative
3 practice.

4 (b) The agency, the house of representatives, and the senate
5 shall provide staff support for the task force.

6 (c) The task force may enter into a contract for research or
7 professional services as may be necessary or appropriate to
8 facilitate activities of the task force.

9 Sec. 11.506. MEETINGS. (a) The first meeting of the task
10 force shall be held not later than November 1, 2013, at the call of
11 the governor. At that meeting, the members of the task force shall
12 elect a presiding officer from among the members.

13 (b) After the first meeting of the task force, regular
14 meetings shall be held quarterly, and other meetings, hearings, or
15 proceedings may be held at any other time at the call of the
16 presiding officer as necessary to accomplish the goals of the task
17 force.

18 (c) A member of the task force who does not attend more than
19 50 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings is subject to
20 removal from the task force unless attendance at a lower percentage
21 of meetings is approved by a majority vote of the task force.

22 Sec. 11.507. REIMBURSEMENT. (a) A member of the task force
23 may not receive compensation for the services provided as a member
24 of the task force.

25 (b) A member of the task force is entitled to reimbursement
26 for the member's actual and necessary expenses incurred in
27 performing task force duties. Such reimbursement to task force

1 members may be authorized by the task force to be paid from funds
2 received and administered by the task force from gifts, grants, and
3 donations accepted under Section 11.508.

4 Sec. 11.508. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. (a) For the
5 purpose of funding any activity of the task force under this
6 subchapter, the task force may apply for and accept:

7 (1) gifts, grants, and donations from:

8 (A) an organization exempt from federal taxation
9 under Section 501(c)(3) or (4), Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

10 (B) a private individual or entity; or

11 (2) federal grant money.

12 (b) The task force may authorize and disburse subgrants of
13 money from money accepted under Subsection (a) for appropriate
14 programs, services, and activities related to and in accordance
15 with the purposes and activities of the task force.

16 (c) A gift, grant, or donation to the task force shall be
17 reported in the meeting minutes of the task force with the name of
18 the grantor or donor and a statement of the purpose of the gift,
19 grant, or donation accepted.

20 Sec. 11.509. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. The task force is
21 not subject to Chapter 2110, Government Code.

22 Sec. 11.510. REPORT; SUBMISSION. (a) The task force shall
23 compile a final detailed report of its findings and
24 recommendations, including any proposed legislation and rule or
25 policy changes necessary or appropriate to implement procedures and
26 programs to prevent the causes and occurrence of future
27 administrative inefficiencies. The report must also include copies

1 of all meeting minutes.

2 (b) Not later than December 1, 2014, the task force shall
3 submit the report described by Subsection (a) to the governor, the
4 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
5 and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee
6 with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education or
7 state fiscal appropriations.

8 Sec. 11.511. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires January
9 1, 2015.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.