By: Buckley H.B. No. 110

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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- 2 relating to the creation of the Texas Education Reform Task Force.
- 4 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "task force" means the
- 5 Texas Education Reform Task Force.
- 6 SECTION 2. TEXAS EDUCATION REFORM TASK FORCE. (a) The task
- 7 force is established to develop and make recommendations regarding
- 8 statutory reform of the Education Code and the public school
- 9 system.

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- 10 (b) The task force consists of 13 members appointed as
- 11 follows:
- 12 (1) four members appointed by the governor;
- 13 (2) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- 14 (3) four members appointed by the speaker of the house
- 15 of representatives; and
- 16 (4) a member of the State Board of Education, as
- 17 designated by the chair of that board.
- 18 (c) The members appointed by the governor must have an
- 19 interest in public education and include at least:
- 20 (1) one current or retired classroom teacher with at
- 21 least 10 years of teaching experience;
- 22 (2) one member of the business community; and
- 23 (3) one member of the civic community.
- 24 (d) The appointments made by the lieutenant governor and the

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- 1 speaker of the house of representatives must each consist of:
- 2 (1) three members of the applicable legislative
- 3 chamber; and
- 4 (2) an administrator in the public school system or an
- 5 elected member of the board of trustees of a school district.
- 6 (e) In making appointments under Subsections (b)(1), (2),
- 7 and (3), the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
- 8 house of representatives shall coordinate to ensure that the
- 9 membership of the task force reflects, to the extent possible, the
- 10 ethnic and geographic diversity of this state.
- 11 SECTION 3. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall designate
- 12 the presiding officer of the task force.
- 13 SECTION 4. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the
- 14 task force is not entitled to compensation for service on the task
- 15 force but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary
- 16 expenses incurred in performing task force duties.
- 17 SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING. (a) The
- 18 Texas Education Agency shall provide administrative support for the
- 19 task force.
- 20 (b) Funding for the administrative and operational expenses
- 21 of the task force shall be provided by legislative appropriation
- 22 made to the Texas Education Agency for that purpose.
- 23 SECTION 6. RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The task force shall
- 24 develop recommendations for statutory changes to address issues
- 25 related to the regulation of public education in this state,
- 26 including recommendations for changes that:
- 27 (1) promote efficiency;

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- 1 (2) reduce regulatory burdens; and
- 2 (3) return focus to educational priorities.
- 3 (b) The task force may establish one or more working groups
- 4 composed of not more than five members of the task force to study,
- 5 discuss, and address specific statutory issues and recommendations
- 6 to refer to the task force for consideration.
- 7 SECTION 7. REPORT. Not later than August 31, 2026, the task
- 8 force shall prepare and deliver a report to the governor and the
- 9 legislature that contains recommendations for legislative action
- 10 to improve the Education Code and the provision of public education
- 11 in accordance with that code.
- 12 SECTION 8. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION. (a) The
- 13 task force may hold public meetings as needed to fulfill its duties
- 14 under this Act.
- 15 (b) The task force is subject to Chapters 551 and 552,
- 16 Government Code.
- 17 SECTION 9. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The Texas
- 18 Education Agency may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any
- 19 source to support the task force.
- 20 SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTATION. The task force is required to
- 21 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature
- 22 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the
- 23 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
- 24 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,
- 25 support the task force using other appropriations available for
- 26 that purpose.
- 27 SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect

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- 1 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
- 2 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
- 3 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
- 4 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.