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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1156

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The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY FUNDING OF INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS, THE OPEN CHOICE ATTENDANCE PROGRAM, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study funding of interdistrict magnet schools, the open choice
3 attendance program, charter schools and the regional vocational-
4 technical school system. The study shall include, but not be limited to,
5 an examination of tuition charges, operating and construction costs
6 and state and local district support.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
9 who shall be a superintendent of a school district that runs an
10 interdistrict magnet school, or the superintendent's designee;

11 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
12 shall be a representative of a local or regional board of education;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives who shall be an executive director of a regional
15 educational service center that runs an interdistrict magnet school;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
17 a superintendent of a school district that sends children to an
18 interdistrict magnet school in another district, or the superintendent's
19 designee;

20 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives who shall be a member of the public;

22 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
23 a parent of a child who attends an interdistrict magnet school;

24 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
25 secretary's designee;

26 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

27 (9) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
29 or their designees; and

30 (10) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
31 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, or their
32 designees, who shall be the chairpersons of the task force.

33 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (d) The chairpersons of the task force shall schedule the first
37 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than sixty days
38 after the effective date of this section.

39 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
41 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

42 (f) Not later than January 1, 2004, the task force shall submit a
43 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
44 statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to education. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
47 submits such report or January 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal
Policy & Mgmt., Off.; Education, Dept.	GF - None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to study interdistrict magnet schools, the open choice attendance program, charter schools and the regional vocational-technical school system. The bill appoints the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Education, or their designees, to serve on the task force, which results in no fiscal impact to either agency. To the extent that the bill appoints legislators to serve on the task force, Legislative Management may incur minimal costs for legislator mileage reimbursement.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

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