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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GIFTED OR TALENTED PROGRAMS.

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 gifted or talented programs in this state. Such study shall
3 consider ways (1) to expand and improve programs and opportunities
4 for gifted or talented students, (2) to improve identification of gifted or
5 talented students, and (3) the state and local school districts can
6 support gifted or talented programs.

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

8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 one who shall be a parent of a gifted student and one who shall be the
10 parent of a talented student;

11 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
12 who shall be a gifted student and one who shall be a talented student;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives, who shall be a teacher of gifted or talented students;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
16 a faculty member of an institution of higher education specializing in
17 education of the gifted or talented;

18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who shall be a member of a local or regional board of
20 education for a school district that has gifted or talented programs;

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
22 a representative of the Connecticut Association for the Gifted;

23 (7) One appointed by the Governor, who shall be the principal of a
24 school that has gifted or talented programs;

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

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

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

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

39 (f) 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 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall report, in

43 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes on its findings
44 and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
45 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education. The task
46 force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
47 1, 2006, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study gifted or talented programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]