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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY LIFE-THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES IN SCHOOLS.***

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 life-threatening food allergies in schools. The task force shall  
3 examine (1) the efficacy of the implementation and enforcement of the  
4 guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food  
5 allergies and glycogen storage disease, developed by the Department  
6 of Education pursuant to section 10-212c of the general statutes, (2)  
7 methods used by school districts to ensure the safety of students with  
8 life-threatening food allergies while such students are being  
9 transported to and from school, (3) the plan for the management of  
10 students with life-threatening food allergies and glycogen storage  
11 disease, implemented by local and regional boards of education  
12 pursuant to section 10-212c of the general statutes, to ensure the safety  
13 of students with life-threatening food allergies, (4) the use of seclusion  
14 or exclusion of students with life-threatening food allergies in the  
15 classroom or cafeteria and how it affects the social and emotional well-

16 being of such students, and (5) the existence and nature of incidents of  
17 teasing and bullying of students with life-threatening food allergies  
18 that is a result of such students' life-threatening food allergy or policies  
19 adopted by the school district to address such students' life-  
20 threatening food allergies.

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

22 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
23 one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of  
24 Boards of Education and one of whom is a physician who is an  
25 allergist;

26 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
27 of whom is a certified teacher in a public elementary school and one of  
28 whom is an attorney with expertise in education and special education  
29 law;

30 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
31 Representatives, who shall be the principal of a public middle school  
32 in the state;

33 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
34 a school nurse supervisor;

35 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
36 Representatives, who shall be the parent or guardian of a student with  
37 a life-threatening food allergy enrolled in a public school in the state;

38 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
39 a food service director or cafeteria supervisor employed by a local or  
40 regional board of education;

41 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
42 designee;

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

44 and

45 (9) One person appointed by the Governor, who shall be a mental  
46 health professional with an expertise in school climate.

47 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
48 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
49 of the General Assembly.

50 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
51 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
52 filled by the appointing authority.

53 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
54 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
55 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
56 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
57 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

58 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
59 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
60 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

61 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a  
62 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
63 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
64 relating to public health and education, in accordance with the  
65 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
66 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2016,  
67 whichever is later.

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 life-threatening food allergies in schools.

*[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.]*