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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DECLINING STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

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 declining student enrollment in school districts. The task force
3 shall examine the causes and consequences of declining student
4 enrollment in school districts and the state, including, but not limited
5 to, its effect on state and local education budgets.

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

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
8 one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association
9 of Boards of Education;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
11 of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association of
12 Schools;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

14 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
15 Association of Public School Superintendents;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
17 a representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business
18 Officials;

19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives, who shall be a person with expertise in economics;

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
22 a person with expertise in workforce development;

23 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
24 and

25 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a
26 person with expertise in demography.

27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
28 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
29 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a
42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
45 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
46 that it submits such report or January 1, 2016, 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 declining enrollment in school districts.

[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.]