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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1095

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"AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS ASSESSMENTS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
3 to study the administration of the state-wide mastery examination,
4 pursuant to section 10-14n of the general statutes, as amended by this
5 act. The task force shall (1) examine the effect and impact of the state-
6 wide mastery examination on teaching and student learning time, (2)
7 examine whether the state-wide mastery examination is an appropriate
8 student assessment, and (3) determine the feasibility of using an
9 alternative state-wide mastery examination that is in compliance with
10 the terms of the federal waiver to the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L.
11 107-110, granted to the state.

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

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 one of whom shall be a teacher in a public school in grades
15 kindergarten to six, inclusive, and one of whom shall be a director of
16 curriculum;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
18 of whom shall be a teacher in a public school in grades seven and
19 eight, and one of whom shall be a person with expertise in student
20 assessments;

21 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, one of whom shall be a principal of a public school,
23 and one of whom shall be a teacher in a public school in grades nine to
24 twelve, inclusive;

25 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of
26 whom shall be a teacher in a public school in grades kindergarten to
27 six, inclusive, and one of whom shall be a director of curriculum;

28 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, one of whom shall be a teacher in a public school in
30 grades nine to twelve, inclusive, and one of whom shall be a parent
31 who is a member of a parent-teacher association;

32 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
33 whom will be a superintendent, and one of whom shall be a teacher in
34 a public school in grades seven and eight; and

35 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

36 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
37 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
38 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

50 (g) Not later than February 1, 2016, the task force shall submit an
51 interim report on its findings and recommendations to the joint
52 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
53 matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of
54 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

55 (h) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a final
56 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
57 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
58 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
59 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
60 that it submits such final report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later."

61 Strike line 36 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

62 "year thereafter, each student enrolled in grade five, eight [,] or ten
63 [or"

64 In line 37, insert a closing bracket after "eleven"