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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 and one of whom shall be a professor at a
10 public institution of higher education in the state with expertise in real
11 estate and urban economic studies;

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

14 Schools and one of whom shall be a certified teacher in a public school;

15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
17 Association of Public School Superintendents;

18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
19 a person with expertise in demography;

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

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

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

25 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
26 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
27 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

39 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a
40 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
43 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date it
44 submits such report or January 1, 2017, 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 student 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.]