

Sec. 321. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Uniform Regional School Calendar Task Force to develop guidelines for a uniform regional school calendar for use by each regional educational service center, established in accordance with section 10-66a of the general statutes, in the development of uniform regional school calendars. Such guidelines for a uniform regional school calendar shall include, but not be limited to, (1) at least one hundred eighty days of actual school sessions during each school year, (2) a uniform start date, (3) uniform days for professional development and in-service training for certified employees, pursuant to sections 10-148a and 10-220a of the general statutes, and (4) not more than three uniform school vacation periods during each school year, not more than two of which shall be a one week school vacation period and one of which shall be during the summer.

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

(1) A representative of the American Federation of Teachers, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said federation or such director's or president's designee;

(2) A representative of the Connecticut Association of School Administrators, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

(3) A representative of the Connecticut Education Association, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

(4) A representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

(5) A representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

(6) A representative of the Connecticut Parent Teacher Student Association, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said association or such director's or president's designee;

(7) A representative of each regional educational service center, who shall be appointed by the executive director of such center or such director's designee;

(8) A representative of the school transportation service company that serves the largest number of public school students in Connecticut, who shall be appointed by the

executive director or president of such company or such director's or president's designee;

(9) A representative of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, who shall be appointed by the executive director or president of said conference, or such director's or president's designee;

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

(11) Two members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, one of whom shall be appointed by the chairpersons of such committee and one of whom shall be appointed by the ranking members of such committee; and

(12) Two members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, one of whom shall be appointed by the chairpersons of such committee and one of whom shall be appointed by the ranking members of such committee.

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

(d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education shall select the chairpersons of the task force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

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

(f) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit such guidelines for a uniform regional school calendar to each regional educational service center and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such guidelines to each regional educational service center in accordance with section 322 of this act, or January 1, 2014, whichever is later.