

HB 581 -- EDUCATION TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Riggs

This bill establishes the "21st Century Missouri Education Task Force". The membership of the Task Force includes: three members of the House of Representatives with two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Minority Leader, three members of the Senate with two appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader, the Governor or his designee, 10 members as appointed by the Governor representing various interested parties, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Higher Education or their designees.

The mission of the Task Force is outlined in the bill and includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of current educational process and funding including the use of technology and artificial intelligence to improve student outcomes. The Task Force will make recommendations for legislation as well as submit a report outlining a summary of task force activities to the General Assembly before August 28, 2022. The Task Force will suspend operations on January 1, 2023 and reconvene January 1, 2024 to provide updates and review recommendations to be presented by August 28, 2024.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2387 (2020) and HCS HB 744 (2019).