

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## SB 282 # 2

### DIGEST

Educational improvement task force. Removes the provisions in the bill and establishes the educational improvement task force.

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- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:  
2 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-53.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
3 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 UPON PASSAGE]:  
5 **Chapter 53.5. Educational Improvement Task Force**  
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**  
7 **educational improvement task force established by section 2 of this**  
8 **chapter.**  
9 **Sec. 2. The educational improvement task force is established as**  
10 **a temporary task force to serve the general assembly.**  
11 **Sec. 3. The task force consists of the following seven (7)**  
12 **members, who serve as voting members:**  
13 **(1) Three (3) members of the senate, appointed as follows:**  
14 **(A) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro**  
15 **tempore of the senate, one (1) of whom shall serve as**  
16 **co-chair of the task force.**  
17 **(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of**  
18 **the senate.**  
19 **(2) Three (3) members of the house of representatives,**  
20 **appointed as follows:**  
21 **(A) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the**  
22 **house of representatives, one (1) of whom shall serve as**  
23 **co-chair of the task force.**  
24 **(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of**  
25 **the house of representatives.**  
26 **(3) The secretary of education or the secretary's designee.**  
27 **Sec. 4. (a) A member serves at the will of the member's**

1 appointing authority. If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the  
2 appointing authority who appointed the member whose position is  
3 vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

4 (b) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy must meet the  
5 qualifications of the vacancy.

6 (c) An individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the  
7 remainder of the term of the member the individual is appointed  
8 to succeed.

9 Sec. 5. (a) Four (4) members of the task force constitute a  
10 quorum.

11 (b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at  
12 a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task  
13 force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.

14 (c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs.

15 Sec. 6. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public  
16 in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the  
17 task force are subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.

18 Sec. 7. The task force shall study the following issues:

19 (1) Solutions to improve consistently academically failing  
20 schools.

21 (2) Ways to address the lack of parental involvement.

22 (3) Chronic absenteeism.

23 (4) Truancy prevention.

24 Sec. 8. The task force shall:

25 (1) develop recommendations for the legislative council  
26 concerning the issues set forth in section 7 of this chapter;

27 (2) issue a report setting forth the recommendations  
28 developed under subdivision (1); and

29 (3) not later than October 31, 2024, submit the report to the  
30 legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

31 Sec. 9. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support  
32 to the task force.

33 Sec. 10. (a) Each legislative member and each lay member of the  
34 task force is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and  
35 travel allowances paid to individuals serving as legislative and lay  
36 members, respectively, on an interim study committee established  
37 by the legislative council.

38 (b) A member of the task force who is a state employee is not  
39 entitled to a per diem. However, the member is entitled to receive  
40 the same travel allowances paid to members of the task force

1       **described in subsection (a).**

2               **Sec. 11. The task force's expenses, including the payment of per**  
3       **diem and reimbursements under section 10 of this chapter, are**  
4       **payable from amounts appropriated to the legislative council.**

5               **Sec. 12. This chapter expires July 1, 2025.**

6       **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

(Reference is to SB 282 as introduced.)