

Public Act 13-108 section 4

Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*)

(a) There is established a task force to study education mandate relief for high performing school districts. Such task force shall

(1) review education mandates in the general statutes and regulations of Connecticut state agencies and make recommendations regarding which mandates may be waived for high performing school districts, and

(2) explore ways in which high performing school districts can work with the Department of Education to relieve other administrative education mandates on such school districts. Such task force may consult with the Red Tape Review and Removal Task Force established by the Governor in 2012. For purposes of this section, "high performing school district" means a school district that is

(A) among the fifteen school districts with the highest absolute district performance index, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, for the school year commencing July 1, 2012,

(B) among the five school districts with the greatest rate of progress in district performance index during the school years commencing July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2012, inclusive, or

(C) among the five school districts with the greatest decrease in the achievement gap for students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulation, as measured by the district performance index for

such students during the school years commencing July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2012, inclusive.

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

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a superintendent from a high performing school district; and

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

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

(d) 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.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate 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.

(f) Not later than October 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to 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 report or October 1, 2013, whichever is later.