

Joint Task Force on Education Funding

HB 2824 (Chapter 10, 2012 Laws 1st Special Session)

Assignment

- Make recommendations on how the legislature can meet the requirements outlined in chapter 548, Laws of 2009 (ESHB 2261) and chapter 236, Laws of 2010 (SHB 2776).

– *Intent section of HB 2824*

Assignment

Develop a proposal for a reliable and dependable funding mechanism to support basic education programs.

Must, at a minimum, support full implementation of the programmatic enhancements required in ESHB 2261 & SHB 2776

- Full day kindergarten
- Reduced K-3 class size
- Increased allocations for maintenance, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC)
- New pupil transportation formula

Assignment

Funding mechanism, continued:

May recommend multiple options, but must recommend one preferred alternative

- Include an outline of necessary implementing legislation
- If the preferred alternative is to fully fund the program of basic education with no new revenues, must identify what areas already in the budget would be eliminated or reduced.

Assignment

Consider the specific recommendations for the transitional bilingual instructional program from the quality education council to the legislature dated January 6, 2012.

Provide recommendations for:

- Implementation of a scaled funding formula based on levels of English language proficiency
- A supplemental formula based on students exiting the program due to demonstrated English language proficiency
- Implementing legislation.

Task Force Membership

Four Senators:

Democratic caucus:

- Sen. Lisa Brown
- Sen. David Frockt

Republican caucus:

- Sen. Joe Fain
- Sen. Steve Litzow

Four Representatives:

Democratic caucus:

- Rep. Pat Sullivan
- Rep. Marcie Maxwell

Republican caucus:

- Rep. Gary Alexander
- Rep. Susan Fagan

Democratic caucus alternates are Rep. Kristine Lytton and Rep. Ross Hunter

Three Gov. Appointees:

- Mary Lindquist,
president of the Washington Education Association
- Susan Enfield,
Highline School District superintendent
- Jeff Vincent,
Washington State Board of Education member

Timeline

- The task force shall submit a final report to the legislature by December 31, 2012.