CHAPTER 1014

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS — TASK FORCE

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AN ACT providing for the establishment of a task force related to special education support for students at nonpublic schools.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS — TASK FORCE.

1. The department of education shall convene and provide administrative support to a special education task force that shall study and make recommendations regarding how to better serve students enrolled in nonpublic schools who receive special education services, especially those students who reside in rural areas of the state.

2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

a. A director of special education of an area education agency.

b. A chief administrator of an area education agency.

c. A representative of an accredited nonpublic secondary school.

d. A representative of an accredited nonpublic elementary school.

e. A special education director of a school district.

f. A superintendent of a school district.

g. An attorney employed by the department of education who is familiar with the state and federal laws governing special education.

h. The chief of the special education bureau of the department of education, or the chief's designee.

i. An attorney who is familiar with the state and federal laws governing special education and who is not employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

j. A parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school, receives special education services, and who resides in a rural area.

k. A parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school, receives special education services, and who resides in an urban area.

3. The task force shall submit a report, including findings and recommendations for policy changes, to the general assembly by December 1, 2022.

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