

# Senate Study Bill 1197

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a task force to develop a plan for the  
2 implementation of an online school for certain populations.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1858XC 83  
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1 1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION == ONLINE SCHOOL TASK  
1 2 FORCE.  
1 3 1. The department of education shall convene a task force  
1 4 to develop a plan for the implementation of an online school  
1 5 for certain populations residing in this state using the  
1 6 internet or another telecommunications system. The plan shall  
1 7 address, at a minimum, online learning tools, online  
1 8 curricula, online course credit, and the issuance of a high  
1 9 school diploma for coursework successfully completed online.  
1 10 The online school plan shall be designed for populations that  
1 11 include but are not limited to persons who have dropped out,  
1 12 or are at risk of dropping out, of school; persons who are  
1 13 institutionalized underachievers; persons with mental illness,  
1 14 mental retardation, or other developmental disabilities;  
1 15 persons with learning disabilities; and other persons who face  
1 16 barriers to academic achievement.  
1 17 2. The director of the department of education shall  
1 18 appoint members to the task force which shall include  
1 19 education practitioners and stakeholders, persons who  
1 20 represent the target populations, and educational technology  
1 21 specialists.  
1 22 3. The task force shall select a chairperson from its  
1 23 membership. A majority of the members of the task force shall  
1 24 constitute a quorum.  
1 25 4. The task force shall submit its findings and  
1 26 recommendations in a report to the state board of education  
1 27 and the general assembly by January 15, 2010.

### EXPLANATION

1 29 This bill directs the department of education to convene a  
1 30 task force to develop a plan for the implementation of an  
1 31 online school for certain populations in the state, including  
1 32 but not limited to persons who have dropped out, or are at  
1 33 risk of dropping out, of school; persons who are  
1 34 institutionalized underachievers; persons with mental illness,  
1 35 mental retardation, or other developmental disabilities;  
2 1 persons with learning disabilities; and other persons who face  
2 2 barriers to academic achievement. The plan must address  
2 3 online learning tools, online curricula, online course credit,  
2 4 and the issuance of a high school diploma for coursework  
2 5 successfully completed online.  
2 6 The director of the department is directed to appoint  
2 7 members to the task force which shall include education  
2 8 practitioners and stakeholders, persons who represent the  
2 9 target populations, and educational technology specialists.  
2 10 The task force must submit its findings and recommendations  
2 11 in a report to the state board of education and the general  
2 12 assembly by January 15, 2010.  
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