

**Senate File 452 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a learning recovery task force.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEARNING RECOVERY TASK FORCE.

2 1. The learning recovery task force is established to  
3 evaluate the degree and types of learning losses students  
4 enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve experienced  
5 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force shall study,  
6 identify, and recommend remedial measures, including but  
7 not limited to alterations in the school calendar, remedial  
8 classwork, special individualized tutoring, and further options  
9 as may seem justified and practical. The task force shall  
10 consult with education experts and stakeholders in this state  
11 as appropriate.

12 2. The task force shall consist of the director of the  
13 department of education or the director's designee, who shall  
14 convene the organizational meeting, a member of the state  
15 board of education who shall be appointed by the chairperson  
16 of the state board, and the following members appointed by the  
17 governor in consultation with the director of the department  
18 of education:

19 a. Two elementary school teachers, one middle school  
20 teacher, and one high school teacher.

21 b. One elementary school principal and one middle or high  
22 school principal.

23 c. One superintendent for a school district with an actual  
24 enrollment of more than one thousand five hundred students,  
25 and one superintendent for a school district with an actual  
26 enrollment of one thousand five hundred or fewer students.

27 d. A member of the board of directors of a school district  
28 that has an actual enrollment of more than one thousand five  
29 hundred students and a member of the board of directors of a  
30 school district that has an actual enrollment of one thousand  
31 five hundred or fewer students.

32 e. One faculty member from the college of education or  
33 the school of education, as appropriate, at each of the  
34 institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of  
35 regents.

1 f. The director of the Iowa reading research center under  
2 the state university of Iowa college of education, or the  
3 director's designee.

4 g. The parent or guardian of an elementary school student,  
5 the parent or guardian of a middle school student, and the  
6 parent or guardian of a high school student.

7 h. Two members of the general public.

8 3. To the extent possible, members shall be selected to  
9 reflect geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity. Members of  
10 the task force appointed pursuant to subsection 2, paragraphs  
11 "a" through "h", shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary  
12 travel expenses.

13 4. The department of education shall provide staffing  
14 services for the task force. Task force meetings and records  
15 are subject to the provisions of chapters 21 and 22.

16 5. The task force shall submit its findings and  
17 recommendations, including recommendations for legislation or  
18 rulemaking, as necessary, in a report to the general assembly  
19 by December 30, 2021.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill establishes a learning recovery task force to  
24 evaluate the degree and types of learning losses students  
25 enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 experienced  
26 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The task force shall study,  
27 identify, and recommend remedial measures, including but  
28 not limited to alterations in the school calendar, remedial  
29 classwork, special individualized tutoring, and further options  
30 as may seem justified and practical. The task force shall  
31 consult with education experts and stakeholders as appropriate.

32 The task force shall consist of the director of the  
33 department of education or the director's designee, who shall  
34 convene the organizational meeting, a member of the state  
35 board of education who shall be appointed by the chairperson

1 of the board, and members appointed by the governor in  
2 consultation with the director of the department of education  
3 who shall include elementary, middle, and high school  
4 teachers; an elementary and a middle or high school principal;  
5 superintendents and school board members for large and small  
6 school districts; faculty members from the colleges or schools  
7 of education at the regents universities; the director of the  
8 Iowa reading research center or the director's designee; the  
9 parents or guardians of students at the elementary, middle, and  
10 high school levels; and members of the general public.

11 To the extent possible, members shall be selected to reflect  
12 geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity. Members other than  
13 the director of the department and the member of the state  
14 board of education shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary  
15 travel expenses.

16 The department of education shall provide staffing services  
17 for the task force. Task force meetings and records are  
18 subject to the open meetings and open records laws.

19 The task force shall submit its findings and  
20 recommendations, including recommendations for legislation or  
21 rulemaking, as necessary, in a report to the general assembly  
22 by December 30, 2021.