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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1420**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Wilcox, Springer, Magendanz, G. Hunt, Muri, Kirby, Takko, Kilduff, and Hargrove)

READ FIRST TIME 02/20/15.

1       AN ACT Relating to school siting and aiding school districts in  
2 reducing overall school construction costs; creating a new section;  
3 and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   (1) A legislative task force on school  
6 siting is established, with members as provided in this subsection.  
7 All member appointments or selections must be made by July 1, 2015.

8       (a) The president of the senate shall appoint two members from  
9 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

10       (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two  
11 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
12 representatives.

13       (c) The governor shall appoint one member who represents  
14 environmental concerns related to school siting and one member who  
15 represents the building industry.

16       (d) The task force must also include:

17       (i) A representative of the association of Washington cities;

18       (ii) A representative of the Washington state association of  
19 counties;

20       (iii) A representative of schools located in urban areas selected  
21 by the Washington association of school administrators;

1 (iv) A representative of schools located in rural areas selected  
2 by the Washington association of school administrators; and

3 (v) A representative of the Washington state association of  
4 county and regional planning directors.

5 (2) The task force shall choose its chair from among its  
6 legislative membership. The chair shall convene at least three  
7 meetings of the task force.

8 (3) The task force shall review the issue of siting schools  
9 outside of urban growth areas. In reviewing this issue, the task  
10 force must balance the planning goals and requirements set forth in  
11 chapter 36.70A RCW with the needs of school districts, particularly  
12 those facing capacity issues, in providing appropriate and adequate  
13 school facilities.

14 (4) Staff support for the task force must be provided by senate  
15 committee services and the house of representatives office of program  
16 research.

17 (5) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
18 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
19 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
20 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
21 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (6) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
23 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
24 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
25 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
26 successor committees.

27 (7) The task force shall provide a summary of the task force's  
28 discussions and any recommendations to the appropriate committees of  
29 the legislature by December 1, 2015.

30 (8) This section expires January 1, 2016.

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