

2955-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Jarrett, Haigh, Cox, Tom, Schual-Berke, Kagi, Quall, Ruderman, Hunt, Santos, Armstrong, Nixon, O'Brien, Rockefeller, Edwards, Linville, Wallace, Conway and Morrell)

Brief Description: Creating a joint task force on K-12 finance.

**HB 2955-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that more than a quarter of a century has passed since the current school finance system was first created, and that the challenges facing our schools and students have grown and changed dramatically during that time.

Declares an intent to examine the school finance system to determine whether it is appropriately linked to the demands of education reform and to the goal of providing all children in the state the opportunity to meet standards.

Creates the joint task force on K-12 finance to study the common school finance system and to develop alternative funding models.

Requires the task force to report findings and recommendations to the legislature by October 1, 2006.