

1 **TASK FORCE ON HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA**
2 **CURRICULAR SPORTS**

3 1999 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Robert M. Muhlestein**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; CREATING A TASK FORCE ON HIGH
7 SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORTS TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE NEED FOR AND
8 FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING OR ESTABLISHING INTRAMURAL SPORTS PROGRAMS
9 IN HIGH SCHOOL; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR A FINAL REPORT;
10 APPROPRIATING \$29,500 FOR THE TASK FORCE; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

11 This act enacts uncodified material.

12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

13 Section 1. **Task Force on High School Extracurricular Sports -- Creation --**
14 **Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

15 (1) There is created the Task Force on High School Extracurricular Sports consisting of
16 the following eleven members:

17 (a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
18 two of whom may be from the same political party;

19 (b) five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House
20 of Representatives, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party;

21 (c) one member appointed by the Utah High School Activities Association;

22 (d) one member appointed jointly by the Utah School Boards Association and the Utah
23 School Superintendent's Association; and

24 (e) a principal from an urban high school appointed by the Utah Association of Secondary
25 School Principals.

26 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under
27 Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

28 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
29 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as cochair of the task force.

30 (3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative
31 interim committees.

32 (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of legislative members of the task force shall be paid in
33 accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

34 (b) Members of the task force who are not legislators shall serve without compensation,
35 but may be reimbursed for expenses and mileage as established by the Division of Finance.

36 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

37 The task force shall:

38 (1) study and review both the need for and feasibility of either requiring or encouraging
39 school districts to establish or expand intramural sports programs in grades 9 through 12, most
40 particularly in the larger high schools in the state's metropolitan areas in order to allow more
41 students at larger schools to participate in an organized sports program;

42 (2) determine if such a program could be done on a voluntary basis, as to both coaches and
43 officials, using existing school facilities at times not to conflict with other school-sponsored
44 activities;

45 (3) determine whether or not individuals or public or private corporations could sponsor
46 or contribute to such a program to offset any incurred costs in the event the program included
47 interschool competition;

48 (4) review issues associated with any potential liability such a program might have on the
49 coaches, officials, and schools involved in the program;

50 (5) determine if playing in the intramural program would prohibit an individual from
51 playing on the team that represents the school in athletic competition against other high schools
52 in the state; and

53 (6) present a final report, including any proposed legislation, to the Education Interim
54 Committee before November 30, 1999.

55 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

56 Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated from
57 the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99;

58 (1) \$3,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task

59 force;

60 (2) \$6,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of
61 representatives on the task force; and

62 (3) \$20,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing
63 the task force.

64 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

65 This act is repealed November 30, 1999.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel