

1 **FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TASK**
2 **FORCE**

3 2000 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Kevin S. Garn**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; CREATING THE FUNDING OF PUBLIC
7 EDUCATION TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING DUTIES AND
8 REQUIRING AN INTERIM REPORT; APPROPRIATING \$37,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR
9 1999-2000; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

10 This act enacts uncodified material.

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

12 Section 1. **Funding of Public Education Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --**
13 **Quorum -- Staff.**

14 (1) There is created the Funding of Public Education Task Force consisting of the
15 following members:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) Members of the task force shall receive compensation and expenses in accordance with
27 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

28 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to
 29 the task force.

30 Section 2. **Duties of the task force.**

31 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

32 (a) current state and local practices regarding the funding of the state's public education
 33 system, including designated revenue sources and funding formulas such as voted and board
 34 leeways, school fees, the capital outlay foundation program, and the funding formulas for at-risk
 35 and special education student populations;

36 (b) those conditions and tools that enable schools to provide each student a reasonable
 37 opportunity to achieve expected educational goals or objectives;

38 (c) current school spending practices;

39 (d) equity and adequacy in funding public education;

40 (e) alternative revenue sources for funding public education; ^h [and]

40a **(f) PROVIDING FOR A LONG-TERM PLAN TO INCREASE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING;**

40b **AND ^h**

41 ^h [~~f~~] (g) ^h other issues related to the funding of public education as identified by the task
 41a force.

41b ^h (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL NOTIFY AND SEEK INPUT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF
 41c EDUCATION, THE UTAH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, THE UTAH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
 41d ASSOCIATION, THE UTAH PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, THE UTAH PUBLIC
 41e EDUCATION COALITION, THE UTAH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
 41f STATE'S PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY. ^h

42 ^h [~~2~~] (3) ^h A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be made to the Education
 43 Interim Committee before November 30, 2000.

44 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

45 There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000:

46 (1) \$4,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task
 47 force;

48 (2) \$7,500 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of
 49 representatives on the task force; and

50 (3) \$25,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing
 51 the task force.

52 Section 4. **Effective date.**

53 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect

54 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
55 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the
56 date of veto override.

57 Section 5. **Repeal date.**

58 This act is repealed November 30, 2000.

Legislative Review Note
as of 2-16-00 8:40 AM

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

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel