

1                                   **LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCES AND STUDY**

2   **PRIORITIES**

3   2008 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: David Clark**

6   Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

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8                                   **LONG TITLE**

9                                   **General Description:**

10                                   This bill creates legislative task forces and authorizes certain additional interim  
11 committee meetings.

12                                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                                   This bill:

14                                   ▶ establishes statutory provisions for legislative task forces, including membership,  
15 chairs, compensation of members, and staffing;

16                                   ▶ establishes the Education Systems for the 21st Century Task Force and the  
17 Immigration Task Force;

18                                   ▶ requires the task forces to review, make recommendations, and present a final report  
19 on specified issues; and

20                                   ▶ authorizes up to five additional meetings during the 2008 interim for the Education  
21 Interim Committee and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee.

22                                   **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

23                                   This bill appropriates:

24                                   ▶ \$185,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only.

25                                   **Other Special Clauses:**

26                                   The uncodified sections in this bill are repealed on November 30, 2008.

27                                   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 ENACTS:

29 **36-12-20**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

31 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



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

34 Section 1. Section **36-12-20** is enacted to read:

35 **36-12-20. Legislative task forces -- Membership -- Interim rules followed --**

36 **Compensation -- Staff.**

37 (1) A legislative task force shall consist of the following 11 members:

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

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

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

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

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

48 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance  
49 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expense and Mileage  
50 Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override  
51 Sessions.

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

54 (6) Except as provided in its enabling legislation, a task force may hold up to eight  
55 meetings from April through November.

56 (7) A task force shall study issues, make recommendations, and report to an interim  
57 committee as provided in its enabling legislation.

58 Section 2. **2008 Interim -- Legislative task forces -- Additional interim committee**

59 meetings.

60 (1) The following legislative task forces are created during the 2008 interim:

61 (a) the Education Systems for the 21st Century Task Force; and

62 (b) the Immigration Task Force.

63 (2) The task forces described under Subsection (1) shall comply with the provisions  
64 under Section 36-12-20.

65 (3) (a) The Education Systems for the 21st Century Task Force shall review and make  
66 recommendations on how the state's public and higher education systems meet the education  
67 and workforce needs of the state and its people in the 21st Century global economy, including:

68 (i) governance of the State System of Public Education;

69 (ii) governance of the State System of Higher Education;

70 (iii) the State Board of Education;

71 (iv) the State Board of Regents;

72 (v) the superintendent of public instruction;

73 (vi) the commissioner of higher education; and

74 (vii) the roles, missions, and governance of institutions of higher education.

75 (b) The task force may study any other issue relating to the State System of Public  
76 Education and the State System of Higher Education as determined by the task force.

77 (c) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the  
78 Education Interim Committee and the Business and Labor Interim Committee before  
79 November 30, 2008.

80 (4) (a) The Immigration Task Force shall review and make recommendations on the  
81 following issues:

82 (i) current and proposed federal and state laws, programs, and policies that relate to  
83 unauthorized or illegal immigrants residing within the state, including:

84 (A) employer verification of an employee's immigration status;

85 (B) postsecondary education benefits;

86 (C) access to federal, state, and local public benefits, including health care, food  
87 stamps, and cash assistance; and

88 (D) obtaining a valid driver license or identification card;

89 (ii) the state's role in enforcing federal immigration law, both criminal and civil; and

90 (iii) federal preemption of current or proposed state immigration laws.

91 (b) The task force may study any other issue relating to illegal or unauthorized  
92 immigration as determined by the task force.

93 (c) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the  
94 Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee, the  
95 Business and Labor Interim Committee, and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim  
96 Committee before November 30, 2008.

97 (5) (a) The Education Interim Committee is authorized to hold up to five additional  
98 meetings during the 2008 interim to review and make recommendations on:

99 (i) the implementation of a goal-driven compensation system, including how  
100 performance incentives may be implemented to motivate teachers in improving performance  
101 and student achievement; and

102 (ii) mathematics, science, and technology education in the state.

103 (b) In conducting the study described under Subsection (5)(a)(i), the Education Interim  
104 Committee shall:

105 (i) identify assessments of teacher performance that are valid, reliable, and objective;

106 (ii) (A) evaluate to what extent existing data and data systems may be used to measure  
107 learning gains of a teacher's students; and

108 (B) determine what modifications of data or data systems are needed to effectively  
109 measure learning gains of a teacher's students;

110 (iii) identify assessments of teacher performance for teachers who teach subjects not  
111 tested by U-PASS (Utah Performance Assessment System for Students);

112 (iv) consider the appropriateness of compensation based on individual, team, or  
113 school-based performance, or a combination of those, and to what extent school districts or  
114 schools should have flexibility in determining whether awards are based on individual, team, or  
115 school-based performance, or a combination of those;

116 (v) consider how to transition from existing teacher compensation systems to systems  
117 in which a portion of compensation is based on performance; and

118 (vi) consider what should be an appropriate range for the amount of a  
119 performance-based award or what portion of total compensation should be based on  
120 performance.

121 (6) (a) The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee is authorized to hold up to five  
122 additional meetings during the 2008 interim to review and make recommendations related to  
123 the state's property tax system.

124 (b) In conducting the study described under Subsection (6)(a), the committee may seek  
125 the assistance of:

126 (i) the Utah State Tax Commission, Utah Tax Review Commission, and local  
127 government officials responsible for property tax administration; and

128 (ii) others with expertise relating to the state's property tax system.

129 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

130 There is appropriated \$185,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only, as  
131 follows:

132 (1) \$45,000 to the Senate to pay for compensation and expenses of senators on  
133 legislative task forces and for additional interim committee meetings;

134 (2) \$90,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses  
135 of representatives on legislative task forces and for additional interim committee meetings; and

136 (3) \$50,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for  
137 staffing and other costs relating to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee's study of the  
138 state's property tax system.

139 **Section 4. Repeal date.**

140 Uncodified Sections 2 and 3 of this bill are repealed on November 30, 2008.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**H.B. 490 - Legislative Task Forces and Study Priorities**

**Fiscal Note**

2008 General Session

State of Utah

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**State Impact**

This bill appropriates \$185,000 from the General Fund, one-time, in fiscal year 2008 for Legislative task forces - \$45,000 to the Senate, \$90,000 to the House of Representatives, and \$50,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$185,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$185,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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