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Overview

This bill extends the expiration date of the Task Force on the Protection of Children by one year. It expands the scope of issues the task force is to examine.

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1 Task Force on the Protection of Children. Paragraph (a) extends the expiration date of the task force from March 31, 2015, until March 31, 2016.

Paragraph (b) appoints the current legislative members of the task force as co-chairs.

Paragraph (c) requires the commissioner of education to appoint a member to the task force.

Paragraph (d) requires the task force, in addition to its review of child protection, to examine issues related to adverse childhood experiences. Requires the task force to focus on issues confronted by youth who run away or are forced out of their homes. It requires the task force to examine the out-of-home-placement of children, especially children of color, and to identify the needs of children who are identified as at-risk by schools.

Paragraph (e) instructs the task force to evaluate the effects of statutory changes relating to child protection made by the 2015 legislature.

Paragraph (f) requires the task force to issue a preliminary report and recommendations by September 30, 2015, and a final report by March 31, 2016.

Provides an immediate effective date.

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