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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 to include the protection of runaways and youth who are forced to leave their homes.

Section

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 task force to continue its review of the child protection system. Allows the task force to examine issues related to adverse childhood experiences. Requires the task force to focus on the issues confronted by youth who run away or are forced out of their homes and efforts need to protect these youth.

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

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