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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Committee on K-12 Education Budget  
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 29, 2024  
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2594

House Bill 2594 would establish the education funding task force. The education task force would consist of 11 voting members and three ex-officio nonvoting members.

The 11 voting members would consist of:

- Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;
- One member of the house of representatives appointed by the house minority leader;
- Two members of the senate appointed by the senate president;
- One member of the senate appointed by the senate minority leader;
- One member of the state board of education appointed by the state board of education;
- One member, who shall be a parent of a K-12 student who attends a school of a school district, appointed by the speaker of the house;
- One member, who shall be a parent of a K-12 student who attends a school of a school district, appointed by the senate president; and
- Two superintendents, one from a rural school district and one from an urban school district, appointed by the state board of education.

The three ex-officio nonvoting members would consist of:

- The commissioner of education or the commissioner’s designee;
- The chairperson for the Kansas children’s cabinet or the chairperson’s designee; and
- The director of the division of the budget or the director’s designee.

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The education funding task force would be required to review the current school finance system, the current methods for determining and disbursing special education state aid, the inputs and outputs of the current funding system, current academic reporting requirements, and the achievement goals established by the state department of education and submitted to the U.S. department of education.

The task force would be required to prepare and submit a report to the legislature and the governor on or before January 11, 2027, that includes recommendations regarding:

1. The establishment of a school finance formula after the expiration of the Kansas school equity and enhancement act. When making such recommendations the task force shall pursue the following goals for the school finance formula: It shall be reasonably calculated to have all students meet or exceed the *Rose* capacities; it shall provide adequate, consistent and reliable funding; it shall provide meaningful accountability measures.
2. Whether revisions to the current methods for determining and distributing special education state aid are recommended.
3. Any other recommendations relating to school finance.

The chairperson of the task force would be designated by the speaker of the house in even-numbered years and by the senate president in odd-numbered years. Members of the task force would be authorized to be paid amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e). Assistance from legislative staff would also be provided. The task force would expire on July 1, 2027.

HB 2594 would repeal the special education and related services funding task force established pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3442.

If enacted, HB 2594 would take effect upon publication in the Kansas register.