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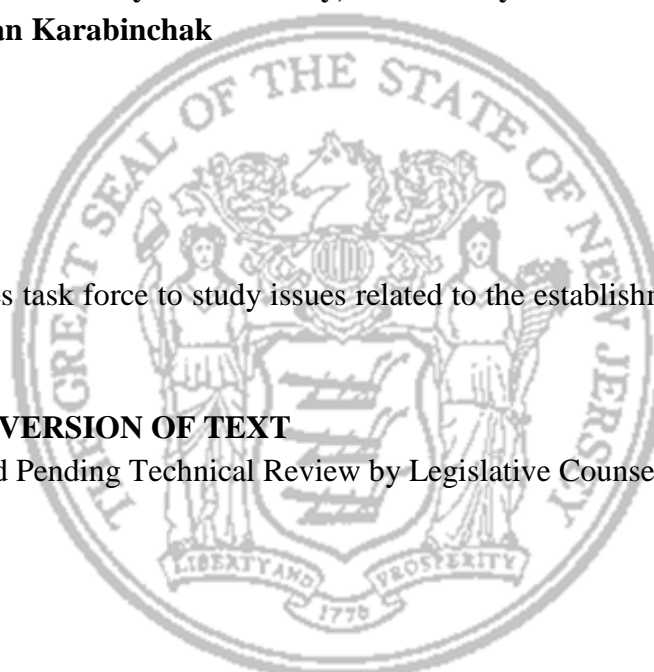
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes task force to study issues related to the establishment of full-day kindergarten.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/15/2019)

1 AN ACT establishing a Task Force on Full-Day Kindergarten.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. There is established a Task Force on Full-Day  
7 Kindergarten. The purpose of the task force is to study and  
8 evaluate issues associated with the establishment of full-day  
9 kindergarten.

10 b. The task force shall consist of the following 22 members:

11 (1) the Commissioner of Education, or his designee, who shall  
12 serve ex officio;

13 (2) one member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
14 one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, both  
15 of whom shall be members of the public with demonstrated  
16 expertise in issues relating to the work of the task force;

17 (3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the General  
18 Assembly and one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
19 General Assembly, both of whom shall be members of the public  
20 with demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the  
21 task force; and

22 (4) 17 members appointed by the Governor, who shall include:  
23 three superintendents of schools, one each from an urban, suburban,  
24 and rural school district; two elementary school principals, one of  
25 whom is employed in a school district that provides full-day  
26 kindergarten and one of whom is employed in a school district that  
27 provides half-day kindergarten; two kindergarten teachers, one of  
28 whom is employed in a school district that provides full-day  
29 kindergarten and one of whom is employed in a school district that  
30 provides half-day kindergarten; one member upon the  
31 recommendation of the New Jersey Child Care Association; one  
32 member upon the recommendation of the New Jersey Education  
33 Association; one member upon the recommendation of the  
34 American Federation of Teachers New Jersey; one member upon  
35 the recommendation of the New Jersey School Boards Association;  
36 one member upon the recommendation of the New Jersey Principals  
37 and Supervisors Association; one member upon the  
38 recommendation of the New Jersey Association of School  
39 Administrators; one member upon the recommendation of the  
40 Garden State Coalition of Schools; and three members of the public  
41 with demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the  
42 task force, at least one of whom shall be a parent.

43 c. Appointments to the task force shall be made within 30 days  
44 after the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of  
45 the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
46 appointments were made. Members of the task force shall serve  
47 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary  
48 expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties as members

1 of the task force within the limits of funds appropriated or  
2 otherwise made available to the task force for its purposes.

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4 2. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable  
5 following the appointment of its members, but no later than 60 days  
6 after the effective date of this act. The task force shall choose a  
7 chairperson from among its members and shall appoint a secretary  
8 who need not be a member of the task force. The presence of 11  
9 members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. The task force  
10 may conduct business without a quorum, but may only vote on  
11 recommendations when a quorum is present.

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13 3. The Department of Education shall provide such  
14 stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistants, and such  
15 professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its work.  
16 The task force also shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail  
17 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or  
18 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it  
19 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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21 4. The task force shall study and evaluate issues associated  
22 with the establishment and implementation of full-day kindergarten  
23 throughout the State, and make recommendations regarding the  
24 establishment of full-day kindergarten. The task force shall study  
25 and consider issues including, but not limited to, the following:

26 a. review of existing research, studies, and data concerning  
27 full-day kindergarten, including studies that examine the long-term  
28 academic impact of full-day kindergarten, and studies that examine  
29 the social and emotional impact of full-day kindergarten;

30 b. implementation considerations associated with full-day  
31 kindergarten including, but not limited to, staffing needs, facility  
32 space, and class size;

33 c. funding necessary for the establishment of full-day  
34 kindergarten, including possible sources of funding;

35 d. curriculum comparisons between full-day kindergarten and  
36 half-day kindergarten;

37 e. opinions and recommendations of parents and elementary  
38 school teachers regarding full-day kindergarten, both in support of,  
39 and opposed to, full-day kindergarten; and

40 f. the feasibility of offering full-day kindergarten in school  
41 districts Statewide.

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43 5. a. The task force shall issue a final report to the Governor,  
44 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
45 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than one year after the task force organizes.  
46 The report shall contain the task force's findings and  
47 recommendations regarding the establishment of full-day  
48 kindergarten.



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1       The task force is required to issue a final report to the Governor  
2       and the Legislature within one year of its organization, which  
3       contains the task force's findings and recommendations regarding  
4       the establishment of full-day kindergarten.