

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 10

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION establishing the Assembly Task Force on Core
2 Curriculum.

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4 WHEREAS, The Department of Education has developed a set of core
5 curriculum content standards in eight major subject areas which it will
6 submit to the State Board of Education for adoption; and

7 WHEREAS, These standards are designed to describe what students should
8 learn as a result of having received a thorough and efficient education; and

9 WHEREAS, In the "Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and
10 Financing," released by the Department of Education in November, 1995,
11 it is proposed to utilize the core curriculum content standards as the
12 foundation of a new funding system for the public schools; and

13 WHEREAS, While moving toward the adoption of the new core curriculum
14 content standards, the Department of Education is also recommending the
15 review and possible revision or repeal of all existing statutory and
16 regulatory curriculum mandates; and

17 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the Legislature to study and review the
18 proposed core curriculum content standards, along with the current
19 curriculum requirements, and to evaluate their educational and financial
20 implications; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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24 1. There is hereby established the Assembly Task Force on Core
25 Curriculum. The task force shall have ten members appointed by the Speaker
26 of the General Assembly as follows: two members of the General Assembly,
27 who shall not be of the same political party and who shall serve as co-
28 chairpersons; and eight teachers, each of whom shall be a former teacher of
29 the year. The task force may appoint a secretary who need not be a member
30 of the task force. It shall organize as soon as practicable following the
31 appointment of its members.

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33 2. It shall be the duty of the task force to study and review the core
34 curriculum content standards as proposed by the Department of Education,
35 along with any existing statutory and regulatory curriculum mandates, and to

1 evaluate their educational and financial impact on the public schools of the
2 State.

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4 3. a. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it designates
5 during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature and shall be entitled to call
6 to its assistance and avail itself of the services of officials and employees of any
7 State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency
8 as it may require.

9 b. The task force shall further be entitled to employ stenographic and
10 clerical assistance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it
11 may deem necessary in order to perform its duties, within the limits of funds
12 appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its purposes.

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14 4. The task force shall issue a report to the Speaker and the General
15 Assembly containing its findings, conclusions and recommendations no later
16 than July 30, 1996.

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21 This resolution establishes the Assembly Task Force on Core Curriculum.
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23 General Assembly, including two members of the General Assembly who
24 would serve as co-chairpersons and eight teachers, each of whom is a former
25 teacher of the year.

26 It is the duty of the task force to study and review the core curriculum
27 content standards as proposed by the Department of Education, along with
28 any existing statutory and regulatory curriculum mandates, and to evaluate their
29 educational and financial impact on the public schools of the State.

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