

**ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 127**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**By Assemblymen MALONE and COTTRELL**

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** establishing the Assembly Task Force on  
2 School District Regionalization.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The positive and negative consequences of the establishment of  
5 regional school districts has been the subject of study and debate for some  
6 time; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The concept of regionalization has historically been supported and  
8 advanced as a mechanism through which smaller school districts can come  
9 together to avoid duplication of efforts and to take advantage of the cost  
10 savings which can be realized when various aspects of the educational  
11 endeavor are conducted on a larger scale; and

12 **WHEREAS**, One of the most difficult issues in public school finance is the  
13 widely varying level of resources among different communities, especially  
14 when communities join together to form a regional school district; and

15 **WHEREAS**, There are a number of school districts within the State which have  
16 experienced difficulty with the limited- or all- purpose regional school  
17 district relationship in which the district is involved; and

18 **WHEREAS**, It would be in the best interests of the operation of regional school  
19 districts and the education of the students within those districts to test  
20 possible solutions and gather information on the manner in which the  
21 difficulties of such relationships might be resolved; and

22 **WHEREAS**, It is appropriate for the Legislature to examine and develop  
23 recommendations concerning issues associated with the regionalization of  
24 school districts; now, therefore,

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

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28 1. There is hereby established the Assembly Task Force on School  
29 District Regionalization. The task force shall consist of 11 members appointed  
30 by the Speaker of the General Assembly as follows: seven members of the  
31 General Assembly, with no more than five members representing the same  
32 political party; and four members of the public all of whom shall have expertise  
33 in school finance or operations.

34 The task force shall organize as soon as may be practicable after the  
35 appointment of its members. The Speaker shall select a chairperson from

1 among the members. The members shall select a secretary, who need not be  
2 a member of the task force.

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4 2. It shall be the duty of the task force to examine and develop  
5 recommendations concerning issues associated with the regionalization of  
6 schools, including, but not limited to: apportionment of costs; incentives and  
7 disincentives for regionalization; the financial impact of State aid in  
8 regionalization; and cost savings to taxpayers.

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10 3. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it designates  
11 during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature and shall be entitled to call  
12 to its assistance and avail itself of the services of officials and employees of  
13 any State department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require  
14 and as may be available to it for its purposes.

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16 4. The task force shall issue a report to the Speaker and the General  
17 Assembly containing its findings, conclusions and recommendations within 180  
18 days of the effective date of this resolution.

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20 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately and shall expire 30 days  
21 after the task force submits its report, as prescribed in section 4 of this  
22 resolution.

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