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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2354

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2354 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Science in Elementary Schools Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Task force.

7 (a) The Science in Elementary Schools Task Force is
8 established. The Task Force shall consist of the following
9 members:

10 (1) 9 members, who shall be current or former science
11 or health teachers who teach in the grades K-8 appointed
12 by the Chair of the State Board of Higher Education. One
13 teacher shall come from each grade level between grade K
14 through 8;

15 (2) one member who is a medical doctor or doctor of
16 osteopathy or osteopathic medicine and who is appointed by

1 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2 (3) one member who is a medical doctor or doctor of
3 osteopathy or osteopathic medicine and who is appointed by
4 the President of the Senate;

5 (4) one member who is the parent or guardian of a child
6 in grade K through 8 and who is appointed by the Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives;

8 (5) one member who is the parent or guardian of a child
9 in grade K through 8 and who is appointed by the President
10 of the Senate;

11 (6) 2 members who are registered nurses,
12 chiropractors, exercise physiologists, or physical
13 therapists and who are appointed by the Minority Leader of
14 the House of Representatives; and

15 (7) 2 members who are registered nurses,
16 chiropractors, exercise physiologists, or physical
17 therapists and who are appointed by the Minority Leader of
18 the Senate.

19 (b) The Task Force shall identify age-appropriate
20 education for anatomy, physiology, and nutrition for each
21 grade K through 8. This education shall not replace current
22 curriculum taught but shall complement
23 and add to current science and health education in these
24 grades. The additional curriculum that this Task Force will
25 add to grade K through 8 science and health classes shall start
26 with human-focused curriculum centered on the human body for

1 grades K through 3 students. The additional curriculum shall
2 be focused primarily on empowering students with the knowledge
3 to understand adequately their own bodies and care for their
4 own health and well-being throughout their lives. The
5 curriculum will then move into more holistic science education
6 that connects human-centered science education with other
7 sciences.

8 (c) The State Board of Education shall provide staff and
9 other assistance for the Task Force.

10 (d) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
11 compensation.

12 (e) The Task Force shall meet a minimum of 6 times,
13 starting on August 1, 2023. Meetings of the Task Force may take
14 place in person, by video conference, or by telephone.

15 (f) By December 15, 2024, the Task Force shall produce a
16 report for recommendations on K-8 grade anatomy, physiology,
17 and nutrition and submit the report to the Governor, State
18 Board of Education, and the General Assembly.

19 Section 90. Repealer. This Act is repealed on January 1,
20 2025.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law."