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1 position shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy. Each
 2 appointing authority may remove his or her appointee for
 3 cause, and shall remove an appointee who, without cause, fails
 4 to attend three consecutive meetings. Members of the task
 5 force shall serve without compensation but are entitled to
 6 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
 7 performance of their duties as provided in section 112.061,
 8 Florida Statutes.

9 (3) The task force shall hold its organizational
 10 meeting by September 1, 1999; and, thereafter, shall meet at
 11 the call of the chair, but shall meet at least monthly before
 12 submitting its final recommendations. The task force shall be
 13 chaired by a member designated by the Governor. The task
 14 force shall elect a vice chair to serve in the absence of the
 15 chair. The task force shall adopt procedures or bylaws
 16 necessary for its efficient operation and may appoint
 17 subcommittees from its membership.

18 (4) The task force shall examine the funding of state
 19 system of public schools as provided by the Florida Education
 20 Finance Program created by section 236.081, Florida Statutes,
 21 and implemented by the general appropriations acts. The task
 22 force shall consider at least the following:

23 (a) The funding of public schools based on their
 24 performance in educating students as evidenced by the
 25 achieving of equitable outcomes that meet the state academic
 26 achievement standards for all students.

27 (b) The relationship between state funding and local
 28 funding for public schools.

29 (c) The maintenance of funding equity in the
 30 allocation of dollars among school districts and schools.

31 (d) The acquisition and support of technology to

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1 assist in the instructional process.

2 (e) The funding support for parental choice in the
3 selection of educational services for children.

4 (f) The results and recommendations of public school
5 funding studies conducted by nationally recognized experts,
6 groups, and other states.

7 (5) The task force:

8 (a) May appoint an executive director, who shall serve
9 under its direction, supervision, and control. The
10 Commissioner of Education shall designate personnel of the
11 Department of Education to assist the task force until its
12 staff is employed.

13 (b) May enter into contracts or agreements with
14 nationally recognized school-finance experts to serve in a
15 consulting and advisory capacity.

16 (c) May apply for and accept funds, grants, donations,
17 expenses, in-kind services, and other valued goods or services
18 from the government of the United States or any of its
19 agencies or any other public or private sources. Funds or
20 services acquired or accepted under this paragraph must be
21 used to carry out the task force's duties and
22 responsibilities.

23 (c) Shall keep full, detailed, and accurate records
24 pursuant to chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

25 (d) By September 1, 2000, shall submit draft
26 recommendations and, by February 1, 2002, shall submit final
27 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
28 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Before
29 adopting final recommendations, the task force shall conduct
30 at least one public hearing in each of the five service
31 regions of the Department of Education between September 1 and

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1 December 31, 2001.

2 (6) This section expires June 30, 2002.

3 Section 2. Section 236.081, Florida Statutes, 1998
4 Supplement, is repealed effective June 30, 2003, subject to
5 prior review by the Task Force on Public School Funding.

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7 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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10 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 On page 1, line 2, delete that line

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14 and insert:

15 An act relating to education; creating the Task
16 Force on Public School Funding; providing for
17 the appointment and organization of the task
18 force; specifying powers and duties; specifying
19 duties of the Department of Education;
20 requiring certain reports and public hearings;
21 repealing s. 236.081, F.S., relating to the
22 Florida Education Finance Program; amending

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