



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 250

March 18, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives SHERMAN, JESKEWITZ, SINICKI, MURSAU, BERCEAU, LEHMAN, POPE-ROBERTS, MUSSER, POCAN, CULLEN, TURNER, HAHN, GRIGSBY, AINSWORTH, SHERIDAN, SHILLING, BENEDICT, SEIDEL, MOLEPSKE and BOYLE, cosponsored by Senators ROBSON, JAUCH, CARPENTER, MILLER, BRESKE, WIRCH, HANSEN and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** establishing a task force to study the financing of public
2 schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a six-member task force, with members appointed by the governor, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the majority and minority leaders in each house of the legislature, to study cost-based methods of financing elementary and secondary education in Wisconsin, as recommended by the Governor's Task Force on Educational Excellence in its final report. The Governor's Task Force recommended "a 'cost out' study to define what constitutes a sound, basic education and how much it costs to provide it."

The bill directs the task force to submit a report to the governor and the legislature within one year.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) STUDY OF SCHOOL FINANCE.

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1 (a) There is created a committee called the school finance task force. The task
2 force shall consist of one member appointed by each of the following:

- 3 1. The governor.
- 4 2. The state superintendent of public instruction.
- 5 3. The senate majority leader.
- 6 4. The senate minority leader.
- 7 5. The speaker of the assembly.
- 8 6. The assembly minority leader.

9 (b) The task force shall study cost-based methods of financing elementary and
10 secondary education in this state, as recommended by the governor's task force on
11 educational excellence in its final report issued on June 30, 2004.

12 (c) The task force shall submit its report to the governor, and to the legislature
13 in the manner provided under section 13.172 (1) of the statutes, by the first day of
14 the 12th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph. The task force
15 terminates upon submission of its report.

16 (END)