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Overview

This bill creates a task force to evaluate services, funding, education, and scientific research related to effective treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

Section

1 Autism spectrum disorder joint legislative task force. Paragraph (a) creates the task force in the state legislative branch.

Paragraph (b) lists the composition of the 25 member task force.

Paragraph (c) instructs the Departments of Education, Employment and Economic Development, Health, and Human Services to provide substantive assistance to the task force and lists specific information each agency is to provide.

Paragraph (e) requires the chair to be elected at the first meeting.

Paragraph (f) instructs the task force to consider ways to improve services; sources of public funding available for treatment; methods to coordinate and improve service delivery; methods to improve and increase training; ways to educate families and the public about autism spectrum disorders; and the state of scientific research related to effective treatment.

Paragraph (g) requires the task force to issue an annual report to the legislature.

Provides an effective date of July 1, 2009.