

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Printing

By: Schoolcraft

H.B. No. 117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of the governor's task force on the  
3 governance of early childhood education and care.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 4, Government Code, is amended  
6 by adding Chapter 455 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 455. GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON GOVERNANCE OF EARLY  
8 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

9 Sec. 455.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "task force"  
10 means the governor's task force on the governance of early  
11 childhood education and care established under this chapter.

12 Sec. 455.002. ESTABLISHMENT. (a) The governor's task  
13 force on the governance of early childhood education and care is  
14 established to address the governance and operational challenges of  
15 the early childhood education system in this state.

16 (b) The task force is administratively attached to the Texas  
17 Education Agency.

18 Sec. 455.003. MEMBERS. (a) The task force shall include a  
19 steering committee composed of the following members:

20 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
21 Services Commission;

22 (2) the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency;

23 (3) the chair of the Texas Workforce Commission;

24 (4) relevant division directors designated by the

1 individuals described by Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3); and  
2 (5) the Texas Education Agency's inter-agency deputy  
3 director of early childhood support.

4 (b) The task force is composed of the following members:

5 (1) one public school teacher certified to teach  
6 prekindergarten;

7 (2) one certified teacher who is employed by a private  
8 child-care facility or prekindergarten program;

9 (3) a representative from the Texas Head Start State  
10 Collaboration Office appointed by the governor;

11 (4) a representative from the Department of State  
12 Health Services appointed by the governor;

13 (5) two representatives from the Texas Early Learning  
14 Council designated by the steering committee described by  
15 Subsection (a); and

16 (6) at least two but not more than five individuals  
17 with knowledge of early childhood education and care or experience  
18 as a direct operator of an early childhood education and care  
19 program, including business and community leaders, representatives  
20 of nonprofit organizations, and other relevant stakeholders,  
21 appointed by the governor.

22 (c) The governor shall appoint the chair of the task force.

23 (d) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the size, composition, or  
24 duration of the task force.

25 Sec. 455.004. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The task force shall:

26 (1) examine governance and operational challenges in  
27 the early childhood education and care system, including federal

1 and local child-care programs and regulations governing those  
2 programs;

3 (2) with a focus on improving government efficiency,  
4 conduct a comprehensive review of the existing functions and  
5 responsibilities of the Health and Human Services Commission, Texas  
6 Education Agency, and Texas Workforce Commission related to early  
7 childhood education and care; and

8 (3) consider methods for a large-scale redesign of the  
9 administration of early childhood programs to improve efficiency,  
10 service delivery, quality of care, and the efficient use of  
11 funding.

12 (b) The steering committee of the task force shall:

13 (1) align goals and metrics of the Health and Human  
14 Services Commission, Texas Education Agency, and Texas Workforce  
15 Commission to measure progress, including aligning statewide data  
16 systems; and

17 (2) require the Health and Human Services Commission,  
18 Texas Education Agency, and Texas Workforce Commission to complete  
19 and submit to the task force periodic progress reports and  
20 regularly refine statewide goals and strategic plans to ensure  
21 alignment with evolving early childhood education and care needs.

22 (c) From money appropriated or otherwise available for the  
23 purpose, the Texas Education Agency shall pay the costs of data  
24 system integration, research, and administration for the task  
25 force.

26 Sec. 455.005. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2026, the  
27 task force shall develop and submit to the legislature policy and

1 budget recommendations designed to improve early childhood  
2 education and care governance that will:

3 (1) facilitate and improve early childhood education  
4 and care participant engagement with state agencies; and

5 (2) lead to improved operational efficiency,  
6 increased affordable child care capacity, and improved  
7 kindergarten readiness.

8 Sec. 455.006. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and  
9 this chapter expires September 1, 2027.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

# ADOPTED

MAY 28 2025

*Lacey Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

*Anna Compton*

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Amend H.B. No. 117 (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1  
2 of the bill, in added Section 455.004(a), Government Code (page 2,  
3 between lines 5 and 6), by inserting the following appropriately  
4 numbered subdivision and renumbering subsequent subdivisions  
5 accordingly:

6 ( ) develop and recommend standards for high quality  
7 prekindergarten programs, including programs under Subchapter E-  
8 1, Chapter 29, Education Code;

**ADOPTED**

**MAY 28 2025**

*Latey Law*  
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

BY: *Alenna Campbell*

1 Amend H.B. No. 117 (senate committee printing) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_. An entity to which Chapter 455, Government Code,  
5 as added by this Act, applies is required to implement a provision  
6 of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically  
7 for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money  
8 specifically for that purpose, an entity may, but is not required  
9 to, implement a provision of this Act using other money available  
10 for that purpose.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 29, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB117** by Schoolcraft (Relating to the establishment of the governor's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB117, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of (\$2,154,136) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The Texas Education Agency and other entities to which the provisions apply are required to implement a provision of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the Texas Education Agency and other applicable entities may, but are not required to, implement a provision of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2026	(\$788,174)
2027	(\$1,365,962)
2028	\$0
2029	\$0
2030	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</b>
2026	(\$788,174)	1.0
2027	(\$1,365,962)	1.0
2028	\$0	0.0
2029	\$0	0.0
2030	\$0	0.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would establish the governor's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care. The task force would be administratively attached to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The task force would conduct a comprehensive review of the existing functions and responsibilities of the Health and Human Services Commission, TEA, and the Texas Workforce Commission related to early childhood education and care. The task force would also require those agencies to complete and submit to the task force periodic progress reports and to refine statewide goals and strategic plans.

The bill would require TEA, from money appropriated or otherwise available, to pay the costs of data system integration, research, and administration for the task force.

The bill would require the task force to develop and submit a report to the legislature, not later than December 1, 2026, that would include budget and policy recommendations to improve early childhood education and care governance in certain ways.

The task force would be abolished September 1, 2027.

### **Methodology**

TEA estimates committee costs would be \$53,040 in fiscal year 2026 and \$26,520 in fiscal year 2027.

The analysis assumes TEA would require 1.0 FTE to implement the provisions of this bill at a cost of \$0.3 million for the biennium.

TEA estimates the cost to produce the periodic agency reports and the report to the Legislature would be \$125,000 in both fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

This analysis assumes costs to other state agencies could be absorbed with existing resources.

### **Technology**

TEA assumes IT costs to implement the provisions of the bill would total \$1.5 million for the biennium.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 701 Texas Education Agency

**LBB Staff:** JMc, RStu, ASA, ENA, CMA, JPE

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Phil King, Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB117** by Schoolcraft (Relating to the establishment of the governor's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 6, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Brad Buckley, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB117** by Schoolcraft (relating to the establishment of the governor 's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB117, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$2,154,136) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$788,174)
2027	(\$1,365,962)
2028	\$0
2029	\$0
2030	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i>
2026	(\$788,174)	1.0
2027	(\$1,365,962)	1.0
2028	\$0	0.0
2029	\$0	0.0
2030	\$0	0.0

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### **Methodology**

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TEA estimates the cost to produce the periodic agency reports and the report to the Legislature would be \$125,000 in both fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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**LBB Staff:** JMc, JPE, ASA, ENA

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 27, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Brad Buckley, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB117** by Schoolcraft (Relating to the establishment of the governor's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB117, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,177,869) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2026	(\$804,227)
2027	(\$1,373,642)
2028	\$0
2029	\$0
2030	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</b>
2026	(\$804,227)	1.0
2027	(\$1,373,642)	1.0
2028	\$0	0.0
2029	\$0	0.0
2030	\$0	0.0

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The task force would be abolished September 1, 2027.

### **Methodology**

TEA estimates committee costs would be \$68,400 in fiscal year 2026 and \$34,200 in fiscal year 2027.

The analysis assumes TEA would require 1.0 FTE to implement the provisions of this bill at a cost of \$0.3 million for the biennium.

TEA estimates the cost to produce the periodic agency reports and the report to the Legislature would be \$125,000 in both fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

This analysis assumes costs to other state agencies could be absorbed with existing resources.

### **Technology**

TEA assumes IT costs to implement the provisions of the bill would total \$1.5 million for the biennium.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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**LBB Staff:** JMc, JPE, ASA, ANa