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Joint Study Order To Establish a Working Group To Identify Unfunded Educational Mandates

the Senate concurring, that the Working Group To Identify Unfunded Educational Mandates is established as follows.

1. Working group established. The Working Group To Identify Unfunded Educational Mandates, referred to in this order as "the working group," is established.

2. Working group membership. The working group consists of 13 members, appointed as follows:

3. Working group chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the working group and the first-named member of the House is the House chair of the working group.

4. Appointments; convening of the working group. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the working group shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group.

5. Duties. The working group shall:

6. Staff assistance. The Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

7. Report. No later than December 2, 2009, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, the working group is not authorized to introduce legislation. Upon receipt of the report required by this section, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may, pursuant to Joint Rule 353, introduce a bill during the session to which the report is submitted to implement its recommendations on matters relating to the study.