

SENATE BILL 1150

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to studying education funding in  
Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee established for the purpose of studying and reviewing the BEP formula and considering whether Tennessee BEP funds should be available to preschools in addition to kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12).

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of twelve (12) members. The members shall serve without pay, but may be compensated for travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter. The chair of the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives shall serve as members and co-chairs of the committee. The remaining members shall be appointed as follows:

(a) The speaker of the senate shall appoint five (5) members from each of the following:

- (1) Two (2) members of the education committee of the senate;
- (2) One (1) director of schools;
- (3) One (1) member of an education stakeholder group; and
- (4) One (1) member familiar with education funding in Tennessee.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint five (5) members from each of the following:

- (1) Two (2) members of the education committee of the house of representatives;
- (2) One (1) administrator;

(3) One (1) member of an education stakeholder group; and

(4) One (1) member familiar with education funding in Tennessee.

SECTION 3. The special joint committee shall be convened by the co-chairs of the committee. At its first meeting, the committee shall elect a vice-chair and such other officers the committee deems necessary. No business shall be conducted and agreed upon unless at least one-half (1/2) of the appointed membership is present.

SECTION 4. The committee shall conduct bi-monthly organizational meetings and any other meetings it deems necessary. All departments and agencies of state government shall fully cooperate with the committee to accomplish the goals of this act and, to that end, shall furnish such information, assistance and reports to, and shall otherwise cooperate with the committee in the performance of its functions.

SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the governor and the general assembly on or before November 15, 2013, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.