

HOUSE BILL 2207

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to reconstituting the structure of the
current public school system.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, is amended by adding the following
as a new, appropriately designated section:

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(a) There is established an education reform task force. The task force shall be formed for the purpose of reconstituting the current public school system to operate under a single unified public school system to be administered and funded by the state.

(b) The task force shall include the executive director of the state board of education, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of finance and administration, the comptroller of the treasury, the director of the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations, the chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees on education of the senate and house of representatives, and the director of the office of legislative budget analysis, or their designees.

(c) It shall be the duty of the task force to:

(1) Determine the most viable and equitable funding structure for a unified state operated school system; provided, however, that such structure shall not include property tax increases;

(2) Develop a master plan for dividing a unified state operated public school system into various districts with an emphasis on:

(i) Shared decision making among community stakeholders;

(ii) Parental participation; and

(iii) Administrative flexibility; and

(3) Establish a transition plan setting forth the necessary steps and tasks required for the successful conversion of the current framework of the public school system into a unified public school system.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.