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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Thomas

Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 14, 2024

Subject: HB 2700 – Establishing the School Library Rating System Task Force.

House Bill No. 2700 (HB 2700) would establish the School Library Rating System Task Force for the purpose of developing a rating system for all materials that are provided to students by public school libraries. The rating system would allow parents, teachers, and other school staff be able to discern the appropriateness of such materials for students of differing age groups and grade levels.

The Task Force would consist of 9 members. Four of the members would be legislators appointed by the Speaker, the President, and the minority leaders of both chambers. Two members would be parents of students enrolled in public school. One member would represent the State Board of Education. One member would represent school district administration. One member would represent school librarians. The chairperson of the committee would be the legislator appointed by the Speaker, and the vice-chairperson would be the legislator appointed by the President.

HB 2700 requires that the Task Force approve a rating system before the statute expires on June 30, 2025. The Task Force would submit the rating system to the State Board of Education, which would then distribute it to each of the school districts. Section 2 of the bill then requires each school district to adopt polices and procedures for implementation of the rating system by September 1, 2025, and to fully implement the system by July 1, 2026.

If enacted, HB 2700 would become effective on July 1, 2024.