

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 154 creates the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids Task Force to monitor and track deaf or hard of hearing children's' expressive and receptive language acquisition using sign language as well as developing a resource to measure their competencies in language and literacy skills. The Task Force will be comprised of seventeen members and staffed by the State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. The Task Force shall submit its findings to the President Pro Tempore, Speaker, and Governor by December 31, 2020. Meetings of the Task Force will be subject to the Open Meetings Act.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Impact: None

This bill creates the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Task Force until December 31, 2020. Members of the task force shall not be compensated for their time.