

# House Bill 2954

Sponsored by Representative NEARMAN; Representatives BARRETO, MCLANE, PARRISH

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides parents with alternative educational choices if student fails to achieve reading proficiency by end of third grade.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to educational alternatives for children attending public schools who fail to achieve reading  
3 proficiency by the end of the third grade.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "fails to achieve reading proficiency" means re-**  
6 **ceiving a score in the bottom 20th percentile of all students in the state, based on a standard**  
7 **reading test administered statewide for the third grade.**

8 **(2) If a student fails to achieve reading proficiency by the end of the third grade, the**  
9 **parents of the student may choose to receive:**

10 **(a) An amount that is 80 percent of the amount that may be attributable to the student**  
11 **based on the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw, as calculated under ORS**  
12 **327.013 and taking into consideration any weights specifically attributable to the student,**  
13 **which the parents may use to pay for tuition at a private, secular school of the parents'**  
14 **choice;**

15 **(b) An amount that is 10 percent of the amount that may be attributable to the student**  
16 **based on the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw, as calculated under ORS**  
17 **327.013 and taking into consideration any weights specifically attributable to the student,**  
18 **which the parents may use to pay for the services of a private tutor of the parents' choice**  
19 **until the student achieves reading proficiency; or**

20 **(c) Authorization for the student to attend another school in the school district, includ-**  
21 **ing a public charter school, if space is available at the school.**

22 **(3) The school district shall ensure that the parents of the students of the school district**  
23 **receive notification of the options described in subsection (2) of this section at least annually**  
24 **and in a manner that the parents understand, which may be orally or in another language.**  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.