

House Bill 2174

Sponsored by Representative STARK, Senator ROBLAN (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Directs Department of Education to hire and place in schools licensed clinical social workers and to report to Legislative Assembly on certain findings related to social workers in schools.
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purposes of Act.
Sunsets January 2, 2020.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school social workers; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall hire and place in public schools clinical social workers licensed under ORS 675.530 for the purposes of:

- (a) Reducing student absenteeism;**
- (b) Improving student academic achievement levels;**
- (c) Reducing bullying; and**
- (d) Reducing drug use by students.**

(2) The department shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that the placement of licensed clinical social workers is geographically egalitarian and shall consider when making placements, among other factors the department determines are relevant, the number of students enrolled in a school.

(3) The department shall report on the impacts of clinical social workers in the schools to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education not later than December 30 of each year. The report must include, but need not be limited to, findings on:

- (a) Reduction in student absenteeism;**
- (b) Improved levels of academic achievement;**
- (c) Reduction in bullying; and**
- (d) Reduction in drug use by students.**

(4) The State Board of Education may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4,000,000, which may be expended for the purposes of section 1 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.

SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.

