

Senate Bill 641

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL

SUMMARY

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Revises method by which irregular attendance is determined for pupils.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to irregular attendance of school; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.065; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.065 is amended to read:

6 339.065. (1) In estimating regular attendance for purposes of the compulsory attendance pro-
7 visions of ORS 339.005 to 339.030, 339.040 to 339.125, 339.137, 339.420 and 339.990, the principal or
8 teacher shall consider all unexcused absences. [*Eight unexcused one-half day absences in any four-*
9 *week period during which the school is in session shall be considered irregular attendance.*] **Unex-**
10 **cused absences that exceed 10 percent of a pupil's scheduled instructional time in any**
11 **four-week period during which the school is in session shall be considered irregular attend-**
12 **ance.**

13 (2) An absence may be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the pupil's
14 sickness, by the sickness of [*some*] a member of the pupil's family or by an emergency. A principal
15 or teacher may also excuse absences for other reasons [*where*] **when** satisfactory arrangements are
16 made in advance of the absence.

17 (3) Any pupil may be excused from attendance by the district school board for a period not to
18 exceed five days in a term of three months or not to exceed 10 days in any term of at least six
19 months. Any [*such*] excuse shall be in writing directed to the principal of the school [*which*] **that**
20 the pupil attends.

21 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 339.065 by section 1 of this 2017 Act first apply to
22 the 2017-2018 school year.

23 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
25 July 1, 2017.
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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.