

**SB 486 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires evaluations and parent meetings for special education services to occur within 75 calendar days of receiving parental consent. Provides exceptions. Applies to evaluations for which parental consent is received on or after the effective date of act.

**REVENUE:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In the 2017-2018 school year, Oregon school districts provided 78,867 students with special education services through the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), representing 13.6% of the total student population.

Current law requires school districts to conduct student evaluations and reevaluations to determine special education eligibility and needs. Oregon Administrative Rule 581-015-2110, requires school districts to complete initial evaluations and reevaluations within 60 school days from written parental consent to the date of the eligibility meeting. The rule provides exceptions to the 60 school-day requirement for repeated failure to attend scheduled evaluations or other circumstances beyond the school district's control, or if the district and the parents agree in writing to extend the timeline within permitted circumstances. Senate Bill 486 requires the evaluation and parent meeting to occur within 75 calendar days of parental notice, which is a shorter time period than the currently required 60 school days. The bill also requires that evaluations occur within 89 days of parental notice in circumstances where students are absent on scheduled evaluation days.