

SB 719 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Student Success

Action Date: 05/07/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 4 - Frederick, Hass, Roblan, Taylor

Exc: 2 - Knopp, Thatcher

Abs: 1 - Thomsen

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Clem, Fahey, Helt, Lively, Nathanson, Smith G, Smith Warner

Exc: 2 - Hernandez, Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and provide a system of supports and technical assistance for school districts related to abbreviated school day programs for students with individualized education programs. Establishes program requirements. Directs ODE to provide specialists to support districts, as specified. Directs ODE to establish an advisory committee as specified. Requires ODE to report to interim education committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Appropriates \$1.2 million from the General Fund for the purposes of the measure. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2017-2018 school year, Oregon school districts provided 78,867 students, or 13.6 percent of the total student population, with special education services through an individualized education program (IEP). Oregon statute defines an abbreviated school day as any school day during which a student receives instruction or educational services for fewer hours than other students who are in the same grade within the same school. It defines an abbreviated school day program as an educational program that restricts a student's access to instructional hours or educational services and that results in a student having an abbreviated school day for more than ten school days per year. Under Oregon law, school districts must meet specific requirements prior to placing a student in an abbreviated school day program. On January 22, 2019, a lawsuit was filed against the State of Oregon related to children with disabilities and their opportunity to attend a full day of school in Oregon. Senate Bill 719-A requires ODE to establish an advisory committee and to provide supports and technical assistance to school districts related to abbreviated school day programs.