

**B-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2022**

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Department of Education)

**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.

Changes name of Oregon Virtual School District to Oregon Digital Learning [*Academy*]. Ex-  
pands purposes of Oregon Digital Learning [*Academy*] to require provision of professional develop-  
ment related to online learning.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to the Oregon Virtual School District; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.851  
3 and 336.856.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.851 is amended to read:

6 336.851. (1) [*There is created the Oregon Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning is**  
7 **created** within the Department of Education. [*The purpose of the Oregon Virtual School District is*  
8 *to provide*] **The purposes of Oregon Digital Learning are to provide:**

9 (a) Online courses to kindergarten through grade 12 public school students; and

10 (b) **Professional development related to online learning to kindergarten through grade 12**  
11 **public school teachers.**

12 (2)(a) [*The Oregon Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning** shall provide online  
13 courses **to students** that meet academic content standards as defined in ORS 329.007 and **that** meet  
14 other criteria adopted by the State Board of Education. Any person who teaches an online course  
15 **to students** must be properly licensed as required by ORS 342.173 for a person employed by a  
16 school district or education service district or properly registered as required by ORS 338.135 for  
17 a person employed by a public charter school. All school districts and public charter schools may  
18 allow students to access the online courses offered [*by the Oregon Virtual School District*] **to stu-**  
19 **dents by Oregon Digital Learning.**

20 (b) **Oregon Digital Learning shall provide professional development to support school**  
21 **districts that provide online learning, including professional development that will help**  
22 **school districts to identify and support students who would benefit from online learning op-**  
23 **portunities.**

24 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may contract with:

25 (a) Education service districts, school districts, public charter schools, community colleges,  
26 public universities listed in ORS 352.002 or any other public entity to provide online courses

**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.

1 *[through the Oregon Virtual School District]* **to students through Oregon Digital Learning.**

2 **(b) Any public or private entity to provide professional development through Oregon**  
3 **Digital Learning.**

4 (4) Statutes and rules that apply to other school districts do not apply to *[the Oregon Virtual*  
5 *School District]* **Oregon Digital Learning** except as provided under this section or by rule of the  
6 State Board of Education. *[The Oregon Virtual School District]* **Oregon Digital Learning** is not  
7 considered a school district for purposes of apportionment of the State School Fund and the de-  
8 partment may not receive a direct apportionment under ORS 327.008 from the State School Fund for  
9 *[the Oregon Virtual School District]* **Oregon Digital Learning.**

10 (5) The board may adopt the rules necessary for the administration of *[the Oregon Virtual School*  
11 *District]* **Oregon Digital Learning** and shall adopt rules to establish:

12 (a) The procedure and criteria to be used for the selection of online courses to be offered  
13 *[through the Oregon Virtual School District]* **to students through Oregon Digital Learning;**

14 (b) The qualifications of students who may access online courses through *[the Oregon Virtual*  
15 *School District]* **Oregon Digital Learning;**

16 (c) The number of credits for which students may access online courses through *[the Oregon*  
17 *Virtual School District]* **Oregon Digital Learning;** and

18 (d) The student-to-teacher ratio for online courses offered through *[the Oregon Virtual School*  
19 *District]* **Oregon Digital Learning.**

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 336.856 is amended to read:

21 336.856. (1) The *[Oregon Virtual School District Fund]* **Oregon Digital Learning Fund** is es-  
22 tablished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the  
23 *[Oregon Virtual School District Fund]* **Oregon Digital Learning Fund** shall be credited to the fund.  
24 All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the ad-  
25 ministration of *[the Oregon Virtual School District]* **Oregon Digital Learning** created under ORS  
26 336.851.

27 (2) Any moneys received by the department for the purpose of *[the Oregon Virtual School*  
28 *District]* **Oregon Digital Learning** shall be deposited in the fund.

29 **SECTION 3.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 336.851 by section 1 of this 2019 Act are intended**  
30 **to change the name of the “Oregon Virtual School District” to “Oregon Digital Learning.”**

31 **(2) For the purpose of harmonizing and clarifying statutory law, the Legislative Counsel**  
32 **may substitute for words designating the “Oregon Virtual School District,” wherever they**  
33 **occur in statutory law, other words designating “Oregon Digital Learning.”**

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