

House Bill 2457

Sponsored by Representative FINDLEY (Presession 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 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, Department of Education and Office of Child Care to make specified evaluations to increase number of educators in Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region who are available to teach courses in secondary math and science and in career and technical education programs.

Directs commission, department and office to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.

Sunsets December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to educators in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development**
6 **Region" has the meaning given that term in ORS 284.771.**

7 **(2) For the purpose of increasing the number of educators in the Eastern Oregon Border**
8 **Economic Development Region who are available to teach courses in math and science in**
9 **grades 9 through 12 or courses related to a career and technical education program, the**
10 **following evaluations shall be made:**

11 **(a) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall evaluate whether licensing**
12 **requirements may be waived or modified to more closely match the licensing requirements**
13 **of Idaho and to make educator positions in the region more competitive with similar educa-**
14 **tor positions in Idaho.**

15 **(b) The commission and the Department of Education shall jointly evaluate methods for**
16 **promoting career advancement and mentorship opportunities for new teachers at schools in**
17 **the region.**

18 **(c) The Office of Child Care shall evaluate whether a streamlined process may be imple-**
19 **mented to improve the availability of in-home and family-provided child care.**

20 **(3) The commission, department and office shall report the results of the evaluations**
21 **made as described in subsection (2) of this section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,**
22 **and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
23 **Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.**

24 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.**

25 **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
27 **on its passage.**

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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.