

Senate Bill 719

Sponsored by Senators GELSER, KNOPP

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 Department of Education to conduct evaluation and administer pilot program related to abbreviated school day programs.

Directs department 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

Relating to abbreviated school days; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) **The Department of Education shall evaluate the impact of abbreviated school day programs, as defined in ORS 343.161, on the behavioral issues of students with an individualized education program and shall identify methods to improve the results of abbreviated school day programs on the behavioral issues of those students.**

(2) **For the evaluation required by this section, the department shall evaluate school districts' abbreviated school day program policies and practices, including:**

(a) **The number of students with an individualized education program who have been placed on an abbreviated school day program;**

(b) **The length of time a student with an individualized education program has been placed on an abbreviated school day program;**

(c) **The ages and grade levels of students with an individualized education program who have been placed on abbreviated school day programs;**

(d) **Behaviors resulting from abbreviated school day programs; and**

(e) **Alternatives to abbreviated school day programs that have been used by school districts.**

(3) **Based on the evaluation conducted under subsection (2) of this section, the department shall administer a pilot program that establishes two regional support teams to address needs identified under the evaluation.**

(4) **Based on the evaluation conducted under subsection (2) of this section and the pilot program administered under subsection (3) of this section, the department shall develop recommendations related to:**

(a) **Best practices for abbreviated school day programs;**

(b) **Alternatives to abbreviated school day programs; and**

(c) **Appropriate training and support of staff related to abbreviated school day programs.**

(5) **For the purposes of making the evaluation, administering the pilot program, and developing recommendations, the department shall consult with:**

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.

