

HB 4139 -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts notify parents or guardians if a person has confirmed their student was subjected to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or an act of cyberbullying. Requires notification take place within a reasonable period of time, or immediately for acts involving physical harm. Applies to confirmations of acts made on or after the effective date of this measure. Takes effect July 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Changes notification to taking place within a reasonable period of time or promptly for acts that cause physical harm, as specified. Allows parents or guardians to not be notified if student requested notification not be provided.

-4 Changes notification to taking place within a reasonable period of time or promptly for acts that cause physical harm, as specified. Allows parents or guardians to not be notified if student requested notification not be provided. Effective on acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying that occur on or after effective date.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 339.356 requires school districts to adopt policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying. The policy must include: (1) a statement from the school district prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying; (2) a statement of the scope of the policy; (3) a description of expected behavior from students; (4) uniform procedures for reporting inappropriate acts, and (5) other items as identified.