

## **SB 236 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Early Learning Division of Oregon Department of Education to study the use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs. Establishes reporting requirements. Adds training for early childhood educators responding to children exhibiting mental or behavioral health challenges to list of allowable uses for Early Learning Account created by the Student Success Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2016, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Administration for Children and Families issued a policy statement on expulsion and suspension policies in early childhood settings. That statement recommended that states establish policies applicable in both publicly and privately funded settings to promote mental and behavioral health and eliminate or limit the use of exclusionary discipline in early childhood settings. The National Association for the Education of Young Children estimates that over 8,000 children are suspended or expelled from early learning settings annually in the United States. Senate Bill 236 requires the Early Learning Division to study the use of suspension and expulsion in early learning settings and allows the use of Student Success Act funds for training for early childhood educators.