

## **SB 225 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Education**

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

Requires Department of Education to study education system. Establishes reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

-3 Modifies definition of alternative education program. Modifies contracting requirements, legal requirements, and placement requirements. Establishes reporting requirements. Applies most changes to 2021-2022 school year and requires compliance with ORS 336.631 (2) by 2022-2023 school year. Modifies requirements relating to parental notification and school district enrollment proposals. Requires parental consent for enrollment in alternative education program. Establishes special education requirements for alternative education programs. Modifies funding provisions. Requires funding be distributed first to school district in which alternative education program is located. Establishes minimum funding of 80 percent of the school district's general purpose grant per weighted average daily membership for students in kindergarten through eighth grade and 95 percent of the school district's general purpose grant per weighted average daily membership for students in grades 9 through 12. Establishes contracting requirements. Requires alternative education programs to employ only licensed teachers and administrators, but allows registered private alternative education programs to seek waiver from Department of Education. Requires waivers to expire by July 1, 2023. Requires unlicensed employees to undergo criminal records checks. Modifies annual evaluation requirements. Establishes demographic reporting requirements. Modifies requirements relating to notice of and proposal for placement in alternative education prior to suspension or expulsion. Requires school board consideration of contracts that provide for members of law enforcement agency to be assigned to schools beginning January 1, 2022. Modifies distribution to education service districts for student success funds beginning July 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021. Requires Oregon Department of Education to convene advisory group to study media program standards. Establishes study and reporting requirements. Requires State Board of Education to consult with State Library in evaluating standards related to information literacy and media programs. Encourages school districts and charter schools to offer information literacy instruction.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Currently, the statutes governing alternative education programs specify a payment calculation that is lower than the rates that apply to charter high schools in the state. Additionally, school district superintendents can unilaterally enter into contracts with law enforcement agencies to assign officers to schools. Senate Bill 225-2 modifies the state's alternative education statutes and requires that school boards consider any contract between a law enforcement agency and the school district.