

# House Bill 2608

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (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 Department of Education to establish and administer pilot program to assist school districts in providing age-appropriate instruction on natural disasters.

Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2027.  
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to natural disaster education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish and administer a pilot pro-**  
5 **gram to assist school districts in providing age-appropriate instruction on natural disasters.**

6 **(2) Instruction provided under the pilot program established by this section must:**

7 **(a) Enable students to prepare for a natural disaster and for survival in the days and**  
8 **weeks after a natural disaster; and**

9 **(b) Be specific to the natural disasters that may occur in the areas served by the schools**  
10 **participating in the pilot program, which may include earthquakes, tsunamis, water short-**  
11 **ages, floods and heavy snow.**

12 **(3) Any school district in this state may apply to participate in the pilot program estab-**  
13 **lished by this section. The department shall select no more than five school districts to**  
14 **participate in the pilot program. When selecting school districts to participate in the pilot**  
15 **program, the department shall give priority to school districts that represent geographic and**  
16 **demographic diversity.**

17 **(4) For school districts participating in the pilot program established by this section, the**  
18 **department shall:**

19 **(a) Develop curriculum that may be used by the school districts; and**

20 **(b) Provide any necessary technical assistance to the school districts.**

21 **(5) The department shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
22 **Assembly related to education no later than:**

23 **(a) September 15, 2024, for a preliminary report; and**

24 **(b) September 15, 2026, for a final report.**

25 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

26 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
27 **ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the**  
28 **General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ , which may be expended for developing curriculum and**  
29 **providing technical assistance as described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

30 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

**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.

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
2 **July 1, 2021.**  
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