

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3334**

Ordered by the House April 8  
Including House Amendments dated April 8

Sponsored by Representative POWER, Senator TAYLOR

**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.

Directs Early Learning Division to develop plan to [*coordinate provision of services to children who are in early childhood and*] **provide eligible children with equitable access to preschool that is high quality and that is culturally and developmentally responsive. Directs division to report on plan to appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly.**

Sunsets December 31, [2021] **2022.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to early childhood; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall develop a plan to provide eligible chil-**  
5 **dren of this state with equitable access to preschool that is high quality and that is culturally**  
6 **and developmentally responsive.**

7 **(2) The plan developed under this section shall:**

8 **(a) Provide that participation in a preschool program is voluntary;**

9 **(b) Establish quality standards for publicly funded preschool programs, which may in-**  
10 **clude:**

11 **(A) The daily and yearly availability of preschool programs; and**

12 **(B) The requirement that preschool programs provide high quality, developmentally ap-**  
13 **propriate early learning that:**

14 **(i) Reflects best practices related to preschool;**

15 **(ii) Is culturally relevant; and**

16 **(iii) Includes multigenerational learning experiences;**

17 **(c) Be developed in collaboration with community stakeholders, including the Early**  
18 **Learning Council, the State Board of Education and families from demographics that are**  
19 **underrepresented in preschool programs;**

20 **(d) Create uniform preschool education standards across all local, state and federal pub-**  
21 **licly funded preschool programs;**

22 **(e) Identify eligibility requirements for children and families based on income level and**  
23 **other demographic criteria, which shall take into account eligibility criteria for current local,**  
24 **state and federal publicly funded preschool programs;**

25 **(f) Propose an approach for equitably distributing preschool slots in phases to ensure**  
26 **that preschool programs are accessible across the state and for tribal communities and that**

**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 **preschool programs are provided through a mixed delivery system;**

2 **(g) Be responsive to the scheduling needs and preferences of families; and**

3 **(h) Include recommendations for increasing the infrastructure capacity to accommodate**  
4 **an expansion in the provision of preschool programs, including the needs for facilities,**  
5 **workforce investments and local coordinated enrollment systems for families.**

6 **(3) The plan developed under this section may:**

7 **(a) Establish requirements for care before school, after school or a combination of before**  
8 **and after school.**

9 **(b) Provide for the alignment and coordination of existing preschool programs, including**  
10 **the Oregon prekindergarten program and the Preschool Promise Program.**

11 **(4) The plan developed under this section must provide that, no later than January 1,**  
12 **2027, all children in this state eligible for preschool shall have access to preschool.**

13 **(5) The division shall report on the plan, and may include recommendations for legis-**  
14 **lation, to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than Sep-**  
15 **tember 1, 2022.**

16 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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