

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3334

By COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD

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1 Delete lines 4 through 8 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall develop a plan to provide eligible**
3 **children of this state with equitable access to preschool that is high quality and that is cul-**
4 **turally and developmentally responsive.**

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

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

7 **“(b) Establish quality standards for publicly funded preschool programs, which may in-**
8 **clude:**

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

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

12 **“(i) Reflects best practices related to preschool;**

13 **“(ii) Is culturally relevant; and**

14 **“(iii) Includes multigenerational learning experiences;**

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

18 **“(d) Create uniform preschool education standards across all local, state and federal**
19 **publicly funded preschool programs;**

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

23 **“(f) Propose an approach for equitably distributing preschool slots in phases to ensure**
24 **that preschool programs are accessible across the state and for tribal communities and that**
25 **preschool programs are provided through a mixed delivery system;**

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

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

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

31 **“(a) Establish requirements for care before school, after school or a combination of be-**
32 **fore and after school.**

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

35 **“(4) The plan developed under this section must provide that, no later than January 1,**

1 2027, all children in this state eligible for preschool shall have access to preschool.

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

5 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.”.

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