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Senate Bill 236

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to discipline used in early learning; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall conduct a study on:

(a) The use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs; and

(b) Efforts to reduce and prevent the use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs.

(2) The division shall report the results of the study required under this section to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

SECTION 3. An early childhood care or education program may not suspend or expel any child if the program receives state public funds from the Early Learning Division or the program is certified under ORS 329A.280 or registered under ORS 329A.330.

SECTION 4. (1) Section 3 of this 2021 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

(2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the Early Learning Council and the Early Learning Division may take any action before the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the council and division to exercise, on and after the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the council and division by section 3 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 5. No later than July 1, 2022, the Early Learning Division must submit to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly a report on the proposed implementation of section 3 of this 2021 Act. The report must include a description of the processes for conducting investigations and contested case hearings under ORS chapter 183 for any violations of section 3 of this 2021 Act and must make any related recommendations for legislation.

SECTION 6. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.

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