

Senate Bill 236

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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 Early Learning Division to conduct study on use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs and to report results of study to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education. Sunsets December 31, 2021.

Specifies that Early Learning Account moneys may be used for training educators to respond to children exhibiting mental or behavioral health challenges.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to discipline used in early learning; creating new provisions; amending ORS 327.274; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall conduct a study on the use of suspen-**
6 **sion and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs and shall produce a report**
7 **on the results of the study. The report must include:**

8 (a) **The entities studied, which must include, at a minimum, certified child care facilities,**
9 **registered child care facilities and preschool recorded programs;**

10 (b) **The definitions of the terms "suspension" and "expulsion" used for the purpose of the**
11 **study;**

12 (c) **The data collection methodology used for the study;**

13 (d) **The data dissemination methodology used for the study;**

14 (e) **Reporting requirements for the study; and**

15 (f) **Any recommendations for legislation related to the use of suspension and expulsion**
16 **in early childhood care and education programs.**

17 (2) **The department shall report the results of the study to an interim committee of the**
18 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 1, 2021.**

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 Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2021.**

20 **SECTION 3. ORS 327.274 is amended to read:**

21 327.274. (1) The Department of Education and the Early Learning Division shall use moneys in
22 the Early Learning Account to provide funding for early learning programs in a manner consistent
23 with a statewide early learning system plan overseen by the Early Learning Council. Early learning
24 programs that may receive moneys from the Early Learning Account include:

25 (a) Early childhood special education or early intervention services, as provided by ORS 343.475;

26 (b) Relief nurseries;

27 (c) Programs funded by the Early Childhood Equity Fund;

28 (d) The Oregon prekindergarten program and other public preschool programs established under

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 ORS 329.170 to 329.200, by increasing:

2 (A) The total number of spaces for children served by the programs; or

3 (B) Existing spaces for full-day programs from half-day programs;

4 (e) Professional development for early childhood educators, **including training to respond to**
5 **children exhibiting mental or behavioral health challenges;** and

6 (f) Early Head Start programs.

7 (2) In addition to the uses identified in subsection (1) of this section, moneys in the Early
8 Learning Account may be used for staffing needs of the Early Learning Division for the purpose of
9 implementing this section.

10 (3) The State Board of Education and the Early Learning Council shall adopt rules necessary
11 for the distribution of moneys under this section.

12 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
14 **on its passage.**

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