

SB 215 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions relating to school nutrition programs. Allows Department of Education (ODE) to change amounts charged for agricultural products. Allows ODE to contract with public or private entity for technical assistance and administration of grant program.

Changes speech-language pathology program established in ORS 348.398 from a grant program to a funds-distribution program, with stipends to licensed or certified participants and their mentors. Repeals grants to students studying to become licensed speech-language pathologists. Establishes new requirements for program participants.

Allows ODE to conduct investigations and issue subpoenas for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the following statutes:

- ORS 327.103 (standard districts);
- ORS 327.109 (districts or charter schools involved in religious activity);
- ORS 339.285 (restraint and seclusion);
- ORS 339.303 (complaints re: restraint and seclusion); and
- ORS 659.850 and .852 (discrimination in education).

Modifies provisions relating to investigations of sexual conduct, including notification provisions. Allows disclosure of confidential materials to specific entities, but requires those entities to maintain confidentiality. Modifies public records law to exempt reports under 75 years old of sexual conduct investigations of non-licensed school personnel conducted by ODE. Modifies reporting, investigation, and notification requirements for investigations of child abuse if abuse was committed by a school employee, contractor, agent, or volunteer.

Removes Department of Transportation from provisions relating to traffic patrols.

Modifies provisions of Student Success Act to allow ESDs to use moneys to support the meeting of performance growth targets established for all recipients of SSA funds within the ESD, including school districts, charter schools, and youth corrections or juvenile detention education program sites.

Removes school library programs from districts' required self-evaluations.

Requires State Board of Education to adopt standards for educational programs provided to children in hospitals.

Removes requirements for school district boards of districts participating in intensive program.

Requires ODE to use funds in the Early Learning Account to provide funding for early childhood special education or early intervention services.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Education requested the changes to current law included in Senate Bill 215. SB 215 modifies several provisions of Oregon's education statutes.