

HB 2767 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines approved recovery school. Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide appropriate education for students enrolled in approved recovery school. Requires ODE to make payments from State School Fund and Statewide Education Initiatives Account to cover costs of providing education. Permits Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with school district, education service district, or public charter school to provide education in approved recovery school. Requires State Board of Education to adopt specified standards for approved recovery schools. Requires ODE to establish eligibility criteria for students to enroll in approved recovery school. Requires ODE to submit biennial report on approved recovery schools to Legislative Assembly. Limits total number of approved recovery schools to nine. Requires ODE to convene advisory committee to provide recommendations on implementing and monitoring approved recovery schools. Establishes membership of advisory committee. Requires State Board of Education to adopt specified rules for computing State School Fund and Statewide Education Initiatives Account allocations for purposes of funding approved recovery schools. Makes conforming amendments. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Additional funding for student supports
- Flexibility of oversight model

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Modifies responsibility of Oregon Department of Education to identify, locate, and evaluate students in need of special education who are enrolled in approved recovery school. Modifies allocations made from Statewide Education Initiatives Account to cover costs of providing education at approved recovery schools.

BACKGROUND:

Recovery schools are alternative high schools specifically established to support students in recovery from substance use disorders. Research on recovery schools includes descriptive analysis of the program models and individual outcomes of recovery schools ([Moberg, Finch, and Lindsley, 2014](#)), as well as attempts to measure the health outcomes and economic benefits of recovery schools ([Weimer et al. 2019](#)). In 2019, [KOIN](#) reported on the opening of Oregon's first recovery school, Harmony Academy, in Lake Oswego. As of 2021, [The Oregonian](#) reported that Harmony Academy was still the state's only recovery school.

The Statewide Education Initiatives Account (SEIA) was created by passage of the Student Success Act (House Bill 3427) in 2019. SEIA is funded by the state's corporate activity tax, with up to 30 percent of the amount collected directed toward statewide initiatives. SEIA is designed to fund statewide education priorities. The State School Fund consists of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and intended for distribution to school districts, with funding for certain purposes carved out.

House Bill 2767 requires the Oregon Department of Education to adopt standards for and enter into agreements with up to nine recovery schools and to cover costs of attendance through allocations from the State School Fund and Statewide Education Initiatives Account.