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Measure Description:

Requires school district employees assigned to work with students with specialized needs to have access to specified records related to students and to be consulted when education plan for student is reviewed or revised.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

School Districts, Oregon Department of Education

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 756 A-engrossed would require school districts to provide employees assigned to work with students with specialized needs to have access to the students' individualized education plan, 504 plan, medical support protocols, or any other related documentation in the students' education records. School districts would need to ensure that these employees are consulted when a student's education plan is being reviewed or revised and compensated for attending meetings. The measure would also require school districts to provide adequate training for employees to safely carry out these specialized duties. The measure would take effect 91 days after adjournment *sine die*.

School districts would incur additional costs to train new employees and compensate employees for attending meetings. The estimated fiscal impact to school districts is anticipated to be minimal, though the fiscal impact would likely vary from district to district, as it would depend on how many new employees are hired; whether mid-year trainings are conducted for new hires; how many students with specialized needs attend any given school district; and how often meetings are held to discuss a student's education plan.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Education.