

## HB 3595 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 04/03/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 6-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright

**Nays:** 1 - Cramer

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/22, 4/3

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to administer Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) and Juvenile Detention Education Program (JDEP) in manner that provides youth with quality education. Allows Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with education service district (ESD) to provide teachers, counselors, or other personnel. Prohibits YCEP and JDEP programs from being considered component districts of ESD. Establishes funding considerations. Establishes Juvenile Justice Education Fund (JJEF) and requires ODE to use moneys from JJEF for paying contracts. Requires consultation with Oregon Youth Authority, school districts, education service districts, and county juvenile departments. Requires ODE to prepare a target funding level for YCEP and JDEP. Requires report to Legislative Assembly and Office of Governor by August 31 of each even-numbered year explaining target funding level calculation. Establishes requirements for calculating target funding level. Allows ODE to transfer moneys from Statewide Education Initiatives Account to JJEF if amount available is insufficient to cover costs. Requires ODE to inform Legislative Assembly or Emergency Board of insufficient funding. Establishes reporting requirements. Adds funding for YCEP and JDEP to allowable uses of Statewide Education Initiatives Account. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Declining population of incarcerated youth
- Need to provide adequate staffing for education programs for incarcerated youth

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds emergency clause and effective date of July 1, 2023. Requires consultation with Oregon Youth Authority, school districts, education service districts, and county juvenile departments. Requires report to Legislative Assembly and Office of Governor by August 31 of each even-numbered year explaining target funding level calculation. Modifies provisions related to calculation of target funding level.

#### BACKGROUND:

Oregon law establishes two educational programs for incarcerated youth: the Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) is responsible for students in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority, and the Juvenile Detention Education Program (JDEP) is responsible for students in local detention facilities. Currently, these programs are funded via an average daily membership formula. However, due to declines over the last several decades in the number of incarcerated youth, this model of funding no longer provides sufficient resources for local sites to be able to staff their classrooms with adequate numbers of licensed educators. House Bill 3595 A requires the Oregon Department of Education to establish a target funding amount for the YCEP and JDEP programs and allows the use of funds from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to supplement funding

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from the State School Fund in order to meet that target.