

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2656

Ordered by the House June 5
Including House Amendments dated March 28 and June 5

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BOWMAN, PHAM K, WALTERS, Senator SOLLMAN
(at the request of Oregon Education Association) (Presession filed.)

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.

Requires school districts to make available to students of school district specified informational surveys and to provide parents and guardians with notice and opportunity to review survey before it is administered. Allows parents or guardians to decline to have their children participate in survey, and allows students to decline to participate in survey or decline to answer individual questions of survey.

Directs Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene advisory committee to explore options for expanding or revising education accountability framework.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to improvements in student success.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Each school district shall make available to the students of the school**
6 **district the following informational surveys:**

7 **(a) A survey administered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist the**
8 **department in gathering information about the education experiences of students in this**
9 **state, including information on learning, opportunities to learn and school culture and cli-**
10 **mate; and**

11 **(b) A survey administered by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the de-**
12 **partment that is designed to improve the health and well-being of all students in this state**
13 **and to help them succeed.**

14 **(2)(a) At least five days prior to the administration of a survey identified in subsection**
15 **(1) of this section, the school district must provide:**

16 **(A) Notice of the survey to the parents or guardians of the students to whom the survey**
17 **will be administered; and**

18 **(B) The opportunity for parents or guardians to review the survey before it is adminis-**
19 **tered.**

20 **(b) Parents or guardians must be allowed to decline, either verbally or in writing, to have**
21 **their children participate in a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section.**

22 **(3) Students may decline, at any time and either verbally or in writing, to participate in**
23 **a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section.**

24 **(4) Students who participate in a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section may**
25 **decline to answer individual questions on the survey.**

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 (5) The department shall annually review the surveys identified in subsection (1) of this
2 section and make any revisions in the collection of data and the distribution of data to enable
3 school districts to assist schools in providing an environment that encourages healthy and
4 successful learners.

5 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall convene an advisory
6 committee to explore options for expanding or revising the education accountability frame-
7 work in this state.

8 (2) The advisory committee convened under this section must include representatives of
9 school districts, teachers' unions and post-secondary institutions of education.

10 (3) The advisory committee convened under this section must review accountability pro-
11 grams in other states and make recommendations to the superintendent on the expansion
12 or revision of the education accountability framework.

13 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation
14 made to the Department of Education by section 1 (1), chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2023
15 (Enrolled House Bill 5014), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for operations, is in-
16 creased by \$488,763, to administer the survey described in section 2 (1)(a) of this 2023 Act and
17 to convene the advisory committee described in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

18 **SECTION 5.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
19 ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the
20 General Fund, the amount of \$970,339, to administer the survey described in section 2 (1)(b)
21 of this 2023 Act.

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