

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 421

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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1 On page 2 of the printed bill, line 2, after “(a)” insert “Have lived experiences with, or a dem-
2 onstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who”.

3 In line 5, after “(b)” insert “Have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of,
4 issues facing persons who”.

5 In line 9, delete “or” and begin a new paragraph and insert:

6 “(f) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice system; or”.

7 In line 10, delete “(f)” and insert “(g)”.

8 On page 3, line 32, after “council” insert “have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated
9 understanding of, issues facing persons who”.

10 In line 36, after “subsection” insert “have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated under-
11 standing of, issues facing persons who”.

12 In line 39, after “(I)” insert “Have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of,
13 issues facing persons who”.

14 In line 43, delete “or” and begin a new paragraph and insert:

15 “(V) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice system; or”.

16 In line 44, delete “(V)” and insert “(VI)”.

17 On page 5, line 16, delete “racist incident” and insert “bias incident as defined in ORS
18 147.380”.

19 In line 18, delete “racist” and insert “bias”.

20 Delete lines 35 through 45 and delete pages 6 and 7.

21 On page 8, delete lines 1 through 29 and insert:

22 “**SECTION 6.** Section 4 of this 2023 Act is amended to read:

23 “**Sec. 4.** (1) A youth advisory council is established for the purposes of this section.

24 “(2)(a) The Governor, in consultation with the Department of Education and [*the work group*
25 *established by section 1 of this 2023 Act*] **current members of the youth advisory council**, shall
26 appoint members of the youth advisory council as provided by this subsection. The term of office
27 of each member is two years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

28 “(b) The majority of the members of the youth advisory council must be youth between the ages
29 of 11 and 21 years of age during their term of service on the youth advisory council. The youth
30 members of the youth advisory council must include at least two youth from each education service
31 district identified in ORS 334.013.

32 “(c) When selecting the members of the youth advisory council, the Governor shall:

33 “(A) Consult with the Department of Education, the Youth Development Division, the Higher
34 Education Coordinating Commission, the Oregon Health Authority and the Racial Justice Council
35 to appoint members of the youth advisory council who are one or more of the following:

1 “(i) Youth and staff representing tribal youth councils;
2 “(ii) Youth and staff representing youth and student leadership organizations;
3 “(iii) Youth and staff representing alternative education pathways;
4 “(iv) Youth from immigrant and refugee communities;
5 “(v) Individuals representing culturally and ethnically specific community-based organizations,
6 including organizations that assist immigrant and refugee communities;
7 “(vi) Individuals who are administrators, teachers and other school staff who support youth and
8 student leadership in public schools, including education service districts, school districts, schools
9 and youth reengagement programs;
10 “(vii) Youth who serve as advisors to the State Board of Education or serve on Department of
11 Education work groups related to student success initiatives;
12 “(viii) Youth who serve on the Youth Development Council or who participate in Youth Devel-
13 opment Division programs;
14 “(ix) Youth who serve on Oregon Health Authority work groups;
15 “(x) Youth who serve on Higher Education Coordinating Commission work groups;
16 “(xi) Youth who serve on Racial Justice Council work groups; and
17 “(xii) Additional members identified and recommended by the youth advisory council, in consul-
18 tation with the Department of Education.
19 “(B) Consult with the Youth Development Division to appoint members of the youth advisory
20 council who are youth who have been reengaged and to appoint program staff who support the
21 statewide youth reengagement system developed and administered by the division under ORS 417.859
22 or who otherwise provide education opportunities to youth or support the educational success of
23 youth.
24 “(d) In addition to the members of the youth advisory council described in paragraphs (b) and
25 (c) of this subsection, the youth advisory council may include the following members appointed by
26 the Governor in consultation with the Department of Education and [*the work group established by*
27 *section 1 of this 2023 Act*] **current members of the youth advisory council**:
28 “(A) Additional youth members who represent more populous regions in this state than the re-
29 gions identified in paragraph (b) of this subsection; and
30 “(B) Any other members identified and recommended by the youth advisory council.
31 “(e) The Governor, in consultation with the Department of Education, may provide for alternate
32 members for the youth members of the youth advisory council described in paragraph (b) of this
33 subsection.
34 “(f)(A) When making appointments under this subsection, the Governor must ensure that:
35 “(i) At least 70 percent of the members of the youth advisory council have lived experiences
36 with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who are from racial or ethnic com-
37 munities that historically have been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved;
38 “(ii) At least 50 percent of the youth members of the youth advisory council from each of the
39 regions identified in paragraph (b) of this subsection have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated
40 understanding of, issues facing persons who are from racial or ethnic communities that historically
41 have been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved; and
42 “(iii) The youth members of the youth advisory council must include youth who:
43 “(I) Have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who
44 identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex, asexual, nonbinary or an-
45 other minority gender identity or sexual orientation;

1 “(II) Are English language learners;

2 “(III) Are identified as being a child with a disability, as defined in ORS 343.035;

3 “(IV) Are navigating poverty;

4 “(V) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice system; or

5 “(VI) Have experienced disproportionate results in education due to historical practices, as

6 identified by the State Board of Education by rule.

7 “(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, racial or ethnic communities that historically have been,

8 or currently are, underrepresented or underserved include communities for which a plan has been

9 developed and implemented under ORS 329.841, 329.843 and 329.845.

10 “(g) A member of the youth advisory council is eligible for reappointment for up to two terms.

11 If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor, in consultation with other members of the youth

12 advisory council, shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

13 “(h) Upon the expiration of a term of office, a person who had been a member of the youth ad-

14 visory council may choose to become a mentor for any of the members of the youth advisory council.

15 “(3)(a) The Department of Education shall ensure that each youth member of the youth advisory

16 council has:

17 “(A) Sufficient support to enable participation in youth advisory council meetings, which may

18 include accommodations, stipends, travel expenses, appropriate technological access and academic

19 credit; and

20 “(B) Resources available to reimburse any adult who provides transportation or other supports

21 in helping the youth member to participate in the youth advisory council.

22 “(b) Each school, school district or program enrolled in by a youth member of the youth advi-

23 sory council shall ensure that the youth member has:

24 “(A) Access to counseling support, including mental health support; and

25 “(B) Access to tutoring.

26 “(c) The adult members of the youth advisory council shall ensure that each youth member of

27 the youth advisory council has:

28 “(A) Access to an adult mentor; and

29 “(B) An opportunity to provide peer support or be a youth mentor.

30 “(4) The youth advisory council, with support from the Department of Education, shall take into

31 consideration racial equity and justice and align with other statewide efforts for racial equity and

32 justice when performing the following duties:

33 “(a) Developing the youth advisory council’s goals, success criteria and progress measures re-

34 lated to youth and student leadership and engagement in the policymaking process in this state.

35 When performing the duties described in this paragraph, the youth advisory council may modify the

36 youth advisory council’s decision-making process, scope of work, work plans and meeting structures,

37 and the roles and responsibilities of youth advisory council members.

38 “(b) Examining current Department of Education, Youth Development Division and Oregon

39 Health Authority initiatives and practices related to youth and student leadership and engagement

40 in the policymaking process and making recommendations on how to elevate and support youth and

41 student leadership and youth-led and student-led accountability in the policymaking process at the

42 state and local level. When performing the duties described in this paragraph, the youth advisory

43 council must give careful consideration to youth and student leadership and to engagement by youth

44 described in subsection (2)(f)(A)(ii) and (iii) of this section. The youth advisory council may recom-

45 mend methods for evaluating current initiatives, practices and progress relating to youth and stu-

1 dent leadership and engagement at the state level.

2 “(c) Connecting with youth and student leaders and exploring youth and student leadership
3 networks, including culturally and ethnically specific, community-based models and Youth Develop-
4 ment Division programs, to identify best practices in youth-led and student-led accountability in this
5 state and on a national level. Based on the performance of the duties described in this paragraph,
6 the youth advisory council shall make recommendations to the Department of Education, the Youth
7 Development Division, the Legislative Assembly and the Governor’s office on how to support youth
8 and student leadership networks on a regional level for the purposes of connecting youths with
9 youth organizations, connecting students with student organizations, elevating youth and student
10 leadership and voice and supporting youth-led and student-led accountability, with special consider-
11 ation given to youth described in subsection (2)(f)(A)(ii) and (iii) of this section.

12 “(d) Helping the Department of Education, the Youth Development Division and the Oregon
13 Health Authority with the surveys that are administered to youth and students by assisting with
14 reviews of the findings and making recommendations on the content and administration of the sur-
15 veys.

16 “(e) Evaluating current processes in this state to identify best practices for youth and students
17 reporting a bias incident as defined in ORS 147.380 or a hate or bias crime. Based on the perform-
18 ance of the duty described in this paragraph, the youth advisory council shall make recommen-
19 dations for providing support to youth and students who have experienced bias incidents or hate or
20 bias crimes.

21 “(f) Reporting on the youth advisory council’s work, progress and recommendations to the Leg-
22 islative Assembly and the Governor’s office every two years and providing interim updates to youth
23 and student leadership networks and organizations, education service districts, school districts and
24 local entities that serve youth and students.

25 “(5) The youth advisory council shall meet at least six times each year in the manner and on
26 the dates determined by a majority of the members of the youth advisory council. The youth advi-
27 sory council shall also meet at other times specified or requested by a majority of the members of
28 the youth advisory council.

29 “(6) The Department of Education shall:

30 “(a) Provide staff support to the youth advisory council; and

31 “(b) Support youth advisory council members in participating in the youth advisory council.”.

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