

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 48

Ordered by the Senate April 4
Including Senate Amendments dated April 4

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY (at the request of Representative Kevin Mannix) (Pre-session 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.

[Restores penalty for compulsory school attendance violation. Punishes by maximum \$2,000 fine.]
Establishes Task Force on School Attendance to study school attendance in Oregon, including chronic absenteeism and truancy, frequency and reasons for truancy, differences in truancy among demographics and any other issues related to school attendance. Directs task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024.

Sunset January 2, 2025.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to truancy; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on School Attendance is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 18 members as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

11 **(A) Two members of a statewide teachers organization, one member being from a rural**
12 **area in this state and one member being from an urban area in this state;**

13 **(B) Two members of a statewide school employees organization, one member being from**
14 **a rural area in this state and one member being from an urban area in this state;**

15 **(C) Two members of a statewide school boards organization, one member being from a**
16 **rural area in this state and one member being from an urban area in this state;**

17 **(D) Two members of a statewide school administrators organization, one member being**
18 **from a rural area in this state and one member being from an urban area in this state;**

19 **(E) Two parents of students who are enrolled in a public school in this state, one parent**
20 **being from a rural area in this state and one parent being from an urban area in this state;**

21 **(F) A representative of a county juvenile justice department; and**

22 **(G) A representative of a juvenile justice organization.**

23 **(d) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction or the deputy superintendent's**
24 **designee.**

(e) The Youth Development Director or the director's designee.

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 **(3) Each appointing authority shall appoint the members of the task force no later than**
2 **August 1, 2023.**

3 **(4) The task force shall study:**

4 **(a) The issue of school attendance in this state, including chronic absenteeism and**
5 **truancy;**

6 **(b) The frequency of chronic absenteeism and truancy;**

7 **(c) The reasons why students do not attend school;**

8 **(d) The difference in absenteeism and truancy due to age, grade level or area of resi-**
9 **dency; and**

10 **(e) Any other issue related to school attendance.**

11 **(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
12 **transaction of business.**

13 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
14 **members of the task force.**

15 **(7) The members of the task force shall select two members who are members of the**
16 **Legislative Assembly to serve as cochairs of the task force.**

17 **(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
18 **ment to become immediately effective.**

19 **(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the cochairs or**
20 **of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

21 **(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

22 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
23 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
24 **Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024.**

25 **(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task**
26 **force.**

27 **(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**
28 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

29 **(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**
30 **entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**
31 **force.**

32 **(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
33 **the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted**
34 **by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task**
35 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

36 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

37 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
38 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
39 **on its passage.**

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