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Bill Title: Relating to sexual conduct involving a student; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, Judicial Department, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Department of Justice, Counties, Cities, School Districts

Measure Description

The measure increases the period a person is considered a “student” under ORS 339.370 from 90 days to one year for specified provisions related to engaging in sexual conduct with a student. These provisions apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of the measure.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate.

Department of Education

The fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is indeterminate. ODE anticipates an increase in the number of allegations of sexual conduct with a student, but is unable to estimate the impact on caseload at this time. Once the actual caseload is identified, the agency may need to return during a subsequent legislative session or a meeting of the Emergency Board to request additional resources to support the increased workload.

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

There is a minimal fiscal impact on the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). During the January 2024 meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means, five investigator positions and one administrative specialist position were recommended for TSPC to address the current backlog in cases. While TSPC anticipates the measure will increase cases, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the additional positions received will be sufficient to support the increase.

Other agencies

There is a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Judicial Department, school districts, and counties. There is no fiscal impact on the Department of Human Services or Department of Justice.

LFO requested, but has not received, fiscal impact information from cities. In absence of this information, the fiscal impact on cities is indeterminate. If fiscal impact information is provided by cities, LFO will issue a revised fiscal impact statement.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on July 1, 2024.