

HB 2052 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires a court to forward compulsory school attendance violations under ORS 339.095 to the Oregon Department of Education. The measure requires the fine for a violation to be paid. The measure requires the superintendent of the school or education service district to explain to the parent that failure to send or maintain the student in regular attendance is a Class C violation. The measure requires a parent or guardian of a student to attend a meeting with representatives of the school and community to help assist the student with their attendance. It makes a violation of ORS 339.020, the duty to send a child to school, a Class C violation. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The measure modifies the penalty for violating ORS 339.020 to a Class E violation.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, all children between the ages of six and 18 who have not completed 12th grade are required to regularly attend school. Parents or guardians of children between those ages are required to send their children to school and maintain the child in school. Prior to [Senate Bill 817\(2021\)](#), the parents or guardian of children who did not regularly attend school could be convicted of a Class C violation. Senate Bill 817 repealed the penalty for violating ORS 339.020.