

HB 3007 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure enacts new requirements for the form used when a student is diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury, including determinations about physical activity, descriptions of challenges and symptoms, and communications with teachers and other employees. The measure requires accommodations to be in place within five days of notification of a brain injury and reviewed within two months. It also requires education providers to refer a student for special education if the student requires accommodations for six months or more and requires the Oregon Department of Education to provide technical assistance. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of concussions on students' academic performance
- Need for immediate accommodations
- Challenges of current system

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment replaces Section 1 of the measure. The amendment requires the Oregon Department of Education to establish a procedure and sample form for public education providers to use in developing immediate and temporary accommodation plans for students who have been diagnosed with concussions or other brain injuries, and to make the procedure and sample form available to all public education providers. It requires public education providers to develop and implement temporary accommodations plans when informed in writing of a student's diagnosis. It also establishes uses for temporary accommodations plans, including ensuring that identified accommodations are in effect within 5 days after written notification is received by the public education provider and that a student is referred for special education evaluation if accommodations are needed for six months or more.

-3 The amendment replaces Section 1 of the measure. It requires the Oregon Department of Education to establish a procedure and sample form for public education providers to use in developing immediate and temporary accommodation plans for students who have been diagnosed with concussions or other brain injuries by a health care professional, and to make that procedure and sample form available to all public education providers. It requires public education providers to develop and implement temporary accommodations plans when informed in writing of a student's diagnosis by a health care professional. It also establishes uses for temporary accommodations plans, including that identified accommodations are in effect within 10 days after written notification is received by the public education provider.

BACKGROUND:

The [Oregon Department of Education](#) defines traumatic brain injury as “an acquired injury to the brain caused by an external force,” and does not include “brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or brain injuries induced by birth trauma.” The State Board has adopted eligibility rules in [OAR 581-015-2175](#). [ODE's most recent annual report](#) indicates that in the 2023-2024 school year, 326 students received special education services due to

a traumatic brain injury.

PRELIMINARY