

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 141

Relating to education

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Ruiz

SB 141 develops a framework for accountability and transparency in K-12 education outcomes and changes the definition of “school district” to include education service districts, public charter schools, approved recovery schools, Youth Corrections Education Programs, Juvenile Detention Education Programs, the Oregon School for the Deaf, and eligible day and residential treatment programs.

The bill requires the State Board of Education to develop statewide growth targets and performance metrics based on measurable outcomes, including new metrics for 8th-grade math proficiency and Kindergarten through 2nd-grade regular attendance rates. The bill also requires school districts receiving a grant from the State School Fund to develop local performance growth targets and measure progress toward achieving these targets. The bill further directs ODE to review these performance growth targets starting in the 2026-27 school year. Based on this review, districts not meeting their targets will be required to accept coaching and support from ODE starting in the 2028-29 school year.

SB 141 establishes the following escalating accountability measures for school districts that are unable to meet their performance growth targets over time:

- After two years of not meeting performance growth targets, districts must accept support and coaching from ODE.
- After three years of not meeting targets, districts are required to enter the intensive coaching program.
- After four or more years of not meeting targets, ODE can prescribe the use of up to 25% of the district's SSF and Student Investment Account funding.

For the 2025-27 biennium, the measure allocates \$2.6 million to the Department of Education from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account and the establishment of seven positions (5.75 FTE) to implement the bill.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 141 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.