House Bill 2060

Sponsored by Representative MCINTIRE (Presession 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 **as introduced.** The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Directs ODE to have a registry for tutors. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8). Directs the Department of Education to establish and maintain a registry for nonlicensed tutors. Authorizes school districts to contract with a nonlicensed tutor only if the tutor is registered.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to a tutor registry; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 332.505.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Education shall establish and maintain a registry for tutors who are not licensed through the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.
 - (2) Any person providing tutoring services may submit an application to become registered as a tutor. The application must include the name of the person, any third-party organizations through which the person provides tutoring services and an indication of whether the person provides tutoring services online. The department may request additional information for purposes of verifying a person's identification and ensuring current contact information for the person.
 - (3) The department shall deny a person's inclusion on the registry, or shall remove the person from the registry, upon a finding of:
 - (a) A substantiated report under ORS 339.370 to 339.400;
 - (b) Gross neglect of duty;
 - (c) Gross unfitness; or
 - (d) Any false statement knowingly made on an application to become registered as a tutor.
 - (4) A finding made under subsection (3) of this section may be based on an investigation conducted by a school district, by the department or by a third-party organization through which the person currently is providing tutoring services or had previously provided tutoring services.
 - (5) A person who is denied inclusion on the registry or who is removed from the registry may appeal the department's decision as a contested case under ORS chapter 183.
 - (6) The department shall make the registry accessible by school districts and by members of the public.
- 27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 332.505 is amended to read:
- 28 332.505. (1) A district school board may:
- 29 (a) Employ a superintendent of schools and necessary assistant superintendents for the district 30 and fix the terms and conditions of employment and the compensation. The district school board

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.

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shall not contract with a superintendent for more than a period of three years at a time. The contract shall automatically expire at the end of its term. Nothing in this paragraph prevents a district school board from:

- (A) Electing to issue a subsequent contract for an additional three years at any time.
- (B) Including in the contract provisions that provide for the termination of employment of the superintendent prior to the expiration of the contract. If the superintendent and the district school board mutually agree to include a termination-without-cause provision in the contract, the district school board may terminate the superintendent's employment, without cause, at any time during the contract period only if the district school board provides the superintendent with at least 12 months' notice of the termination. Nothing in this subparagraph authorizes the district school board to make a wrongful termination or a termination for any reason described in subsection (3)(a) of this section.
- (b) Employ personnel, including teachers and administrators, necessary to carry out the duties and powers of the board and fix the duties, terms and conditions of employment and the compensation.
- (c) Compensate district employees in any form which may include, but shall not be limited to, insurance, tuition reimbursement and salaries.
- (d) Employ instructional assistants and intern teachers subject to the rules of the State Board of Education. As used in this paragraph:
 - (A) "Instructional assistant" has the meaning given that term in ORS 342.120.
- (B) "Intern teacher" means a regularly enrolled candidate of an approved educator preparation provider, as defined in ORS 342.120, who teaches under the supervision of the staff of the provider and of the employing district in order to acquire practical experience in teaching and for which the candidate receives both academic credit from the provider and financial compensation from the school district or education service district.
 - (e) Contract with a tutor who is:

- (A) Licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission; or
- (B) Not licensed by the commission only if the tutor is registered as provided by section 1 of this 2025 Act.
- (2)(a) A district school board shall designate one or more civil rights coordinators for the school district. A civil rights coordinator may be an employee of the school district or the school district may enter into a contract with an education service district for the services of a civil rights coordinator. A civil rights coordinator, at a minimum, shall:
- (A) Monitor, coordinate and oversee school district compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in public education;
- (B) Oversee investigations of complaints alleging discrimination in public education and ensure that the investigations are resolved;
- (C) Provide guidance to school and school district personnel on civil rights issues in the school district, respond to questions and concerns about civil rights in the school district and coordinate efforts to prevent civil rights violations from occurring in the school district;
 - (D) Satisfy any training requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education by rule; and
- (E) Comply with any rules adopted by the State Board of Education for the purpose of implementing this paragraph.
- (b) As used in this subsection, "discrimination" has the meaning given that term in ORS 659.850 when used in relation to state law.
 - (c) For the purpose of this subsection, the Department of Education shall annually make avail-

- able training for civil rights coordinators and the State Board of Education may adopt any necessary rules.
 - (3)(a) A district school board may not:
 - (A) Direct a superintendent to take any action that conflicts with a local, state or federal law that applies to school districts;
 - (B) Take an adverse employment action against a superintendent for complying with a local, state or federal law that applies to school districts; or
 - (C) Employ a superintendent pursuant to a contract that purports to waive, or conflicts with, any provision or requirement of subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph.
 - (b) As used in this subsection:
 - (A) "Local, state or federal law" means a local, state or federal directive having the force of law, including an ordinance, a city or county resolution, a statute, a court decision, an administrative rule or regulation, an order issued in compliance with ORS chapter 183, an executive order or any other directive, declaration or statement that is issued in compliance with the law as having the force of law and that is issued by a local government as defined in ORS 174.116, the state government as defined in ORS 174.111 or the federal government.
 - (B) "Superintendent" includes an interim superintendent.
 - (4) The district school board shall maintain written personnel policies and make the policies available for inspection by any school employee or member of the public.
 - (5) The superintendent of the school district shall cause each employee to be specifically informed of the existence and availability of the personnel policies.

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 332.505 by section 2 of this 2025 Act become operative on July 1, 2026.