

House Bill 2182

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH (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 conduct a study to identify the costs to improve school safety and how to pay for the costs. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).

Directs the Department of Education to conduct a study to identify the costs and possible funding sources to improve school safety.

Directs the department to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2026.

Sunsets January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school safety; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall conduct a study to identify the costs and possible funding sources to improve school safety. The study shall include consideration of:

(a) Placing law enforcement officers in schools and having the officers be responsible for safety and crime prevention in schools, including responding to active shooter incidents;

(b) Using mental health professionals to provide mental health services in schools; and

(c) Training educators to identify and refer students in need of additional mental health services and to identify possible threats to school safety that exist within and outside the school community.

(2) The department shall report the results of the study in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2026.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.