

House Bill 2358

Sponsored by Representative MCLAIN (Pre-session 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: The Act tells the ODE to study the workload of some health practitioners who work in schools. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.0).

Requires the Department of Education to conduct a study to determine the appropriate number of students on a workload for a school-based health practitioner who is a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist or physical therapist.

Directs the department to report the findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than January 5, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school-based health practitioners; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Using the methodology identified under section 1, chapter 503, Oregon Laws 2023, the Department of Education shall conduct a study to determine the appropriate number of students on a workload for a school-based health practitioner who is a:

(a) Speech-language pathologist.

(b) Occupational therapist.

(c) Physical therapist.

(2) In conducting the study, the department shall work with speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists to determine a cost-effective and outcome-oriented approach to implement the study in a manner that gathers data from across the state.

(3) The department shall submit a report on the findings of the study in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than January 5, 2026.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on June 30, 2026.

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.