

Enrolled House Bill 2453

Sponsored by Representative NERON (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to education; amending ORS 329.711; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 329.711 is amended to read:

329.711. (1) Nothing in this section shall interfere with the duties, responsibilities and rights of duly elected school district boards. There shall be established at each school district an educational equity advisory committee.

(2)(a) The duties of an educational equity advisory committee shall include:

[(a) *Advising the school district board about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions;*]

[(b)] (A) Advising the school district superintendent about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions; and

[(c)] (B) Informing the [school district board and] school district superintendent when a situation arises in a school of the school district that negatively impacts underrepresented students and advising the [board and] superintendent on how best to handle that situation.

(b) The school district superintendent may act on any recommendations of the educational equity advisory committee without approval from the school district board.

(3) The educational equity advisory committee may prepare an annual report that:

(a) Contains the following information:

(A) The successes and challenges the school district has experienced in meeting the educational equity needs of students in the school district;

(B) Recommendations the committee made to the [school district board and] school district superintendent, and the actions that were taken in response to those recommendations; and

(C) Any other information required by the State Board of Education by rule.

(b) Is shared with the school district board:

(A) By the school district superintendent; and

(B) If requested by the school district board, by the committee as a presentation by the committee at a school district board meeting.

[(b)] (c) Is made available by being:

(A) Distributed to the parents of the students of the school district;

(B) Posted on the school district's website; **and**

[(C) *Presented to the school district board in an open meeting with adequate opportunity for public comment; and*]

[(D)] (C) Sent to the State Board of Education.

(4)(a) An educational equity advisory committee shall be selected by the [school district board and] school district superintendent and must be composed of parents, employees, students and community members from the school district.

(b) For the purpose of selecting members, the [school district board and] school district superintendent:

(A) Shall solicit names of possible members from the community;

(B) Must ensure that membership is primarily representative of underserved student groups;

(C) May not exclude members based on immigration status; and

(D) Must comply with any other requirements established by the State Board of Education by rule.

(5) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section.

SECTION 2. 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.

Passed by House April 15, 2025

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

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