

# House Bill 2518

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## SUMMARY

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Digest: Requires a person who is a member of the governing body for a district or school to receive training. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Requires a person who is a member of an education governing body to comply with training standards established and maintained by the State Board of Education.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to training for members of education governing bodies; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "education governing body" means:**

5 (a) **The board of directors of a school district;**

6 (b) **The board of directors of an education service district; or**

7 (c) **The governing body of a public charter school.**

8 (2) **A person who is a member of an education governing body must comply with training**  
9 **standards prescribed by the State Board of Education as provided by this section.**

10 (3) **The State Board of Education shall establish and maintain training standards for**  
11 **persons who are members of education governing bodies. The standards must comply with**  
12 **the provisions of this section and must include:**

13 (a) **Qualifications for providers of training;**

14 (b) **Any exceptions of or modifications to the frequency of the training, as prescribed by**  
15 **subsection (5) of this section, for a person who is a member of more than one education**  
16 **governing body; and**

17 (c) **Reporting requirements for indicating compliance with the provisions of this section.**

18 (4) **Training required under this section must include the following topics:**

19 (a) **Oregon government ethics laws, including filing requirements under ORS 244.050;**

20 (b) **Restrictions on political activity that apply to public officials;**

21 (c) **Oregon public records laws;**

22 (d) **Oregon public meetings laws;**

23 (e) **Applicable budgeting laws and requirements, including the Local Budget Law of ORS**  
24 **294.305 to 294.565;**

25 (f) **Roles and responsibilities related to being a mandatory reporter of child abuse under**  
26 **ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050;**

27 (g) **Prohibitions against discrimination, including requirements for compliance with ORS**  
28 **659.850; and**

**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.

1 (h) Federal education law, including:

2 (A) The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;

3 (B) Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

4 (C) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

5 (D) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and

6 (E) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and relevant parts of the Americans with  
7 Disabilities Act of 1990.

8 (5) Training required under this section for a person elected or appointed to a position  
9 as a member of an education governing body must be completed as follows:

10 (a) A person's initial training:

11 (A) May occur before the beginning of the person's term of office; and

12 (B) Must occur no later than 90 days after the beginning of the person's term of office.

13 (b) A member who has completed the initial training must complete subsequent training  
14 at least once every four calendar years.

15 (6) Training required under this section may be provided in person or online.

16 (7) To assist persons who are members of education governing bodies to comply with this  
17 section, the Department of Education shall:

18 (a) Identify or create training materials, maintain the materials and make the materials  
19 available for training; and

20 (b) Establish and maintain a list of training providers approved by the department as  
21 complying with the qualifications established by the State Board of Education.

22 **SECTION 2.** (1) The training requirements of section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to persons  
23 who are elected or appointed to an education governing body on or after May 1, 2026.

24 (2) Persons who were elected or appointed to an education governing body prior to May  
25 1, 2026:

26 (a) May choose to receive training described in section 1 of this 2025 Act at any time  
27 during the remainder of the person's term; and

28 (b) Must comply with the training requirements of section 1 of this 2025 Act if the person  
29 is elected or appointed on or after May 1, 2026.

30 **SECTION 3.** No later than May 1, 2026:

31 (1) The State Board of Education shall establish the standards prescribed by section 1  
32 of this 2025 Act.

33 (2) The Department of Education shall comply with the requirements prescribed by sec-  
34 tion 1 (7) of this 2025 Act.

35 **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
36 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect  
37 on its passage.

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