

A-Engrossed House Bill 3059

Ordered by the House April 11
Including House Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Directs ODE to study the needs of youth who are in a residential training home and who attend a public school in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.6).

[Digest: Directs DHS and ODE to jointly study the needs of youth who are in a residential facility and who attend a public school in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.0).]

Requires *[the Department of Human Services and]* the Department of Education, **in collaboration with the Department of Human Services**, to *[jointly]* study the needs of youth who are in a residential *[facility]* **training home** and who attend a public school in this state. Directs the *[departments]* **Department of Education** to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services and education no later than September 15, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the education of youth in residential facilities; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "residential facility" means a residential training home as defined in ORS 443.400.

(2) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, shall study the mental, emotional, behavioral health and educational needs of youth who are in a residential facility and who attend a public school in this state for any grade from kindergarten through grade 12.

(3) The study conducted under this section must:

(a) Identify gaps in funding that is intended to cover the costs of mandated programs or services for human services and for education and that is provided to human services agencies, school districts and education service districts for youth in residential facilities who attend public school;

(b) Identify gaps in available services and supports for youth in residential facilities who attend public school;

(c) Identify gaps in information that is related to youth in residential facilities who attend public school and that is shared between:

(A) Students;

(B) Parents and guardians;

(C) Residential facility providers and their staff; and

(D) School districts and education service districts and their staff;

(d) Identify best practices for providing educational and wraparound services and sup-

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ports for youth in residential facilities who attend public school; and

(e) Respond to other requests for information or questions identified by the Department of Education or by the advisory committee established under subsection (4) of this section.

(4) For the purpose of conducting the study under this section, the Department of Education must convene an advisory committee consisting of 13 members. The advisory committee must include:

(a) At least one member who is a representative of school districts;

(b) At least one member who is a representative of education service districts;

(c) At least one member who is licensed as an administrator by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission;

(d) At least one member who is licensed as a teacher by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission;

(e) At least one member who is a classified school employee;

(f) At least one member who represents residential facility providers;

(g) At least two members who are representatives of organizations that represent the interests of students with disabilities and their families;

(h) At least one member who is a representative of staff who are licensed, certified or endorsed to provide services to youth in a residential facility setting; and

(i) Other members who have experience or expertise in working with youth who reside in a residential facility and who attend a public school in this state.

(5) When conducting the study under this section:

(a) The Department of Education may enter into a contract with a public or private entity to conduct the study.

(b) The Department of Education, or the entity with which a contract is entered into to conduct the study, must consult with the advisory committee established under subsection (4) of this section.

(6) The Department of Education shall submit a report 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 and to human services 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.