

House Bill 3063

Sponsored by Representative NERON (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: Considers a student who is in a hospital program to be enrolled in the student's school district. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Provides that a student who is in a hospital educational program shall continue to remain enrolled in the school district in which the student had been a resident prior to being in the hospital educational program only for the purpose of maintaining access to classroom curricula and associated technology.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to students in hospital educational programs; amending ORS 343.261.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 343.261 is amended to read:

5 343.261. (1) **As used in this section, "hospital" means:**

6 **(a) A state-operated hospital;**

7 **(b) A hospital or clinic of the Oregon Health and Science University; or**

8 **(c) A private hospital that is not a psychiatric facility and that:**

9 **(A) Has the capacity to admit patients from throughout this state;**

10 **(B) Provides specialized intensive treatment for children with severe, low-incidence types**
11 **of disabling conditions; or**

12 **(C) Admits children who can expect to be hospitalized for extended periods of time or**
13 **rehospitalized frequently.**

14 **(2) Under rules adopted by the State Board of Education:**

15 *[(1)]* **(a)** The Superintendent of Public Instruction, in cooperation with *[the]* hospital authorities,
16 shall be responsible for **the** payment of the cost and oversight of the educational programs for
17 children through 21 years of age in **a hospital**. *[the following institutions:]*

18 *[(a) State-operated hospitals;]*

19 *[(b) The Oregon Health and Science University hospitals and clinics; and]*

20 *[(c) Private hospitals not including psychiatric facilities which:]*

21 *[(A) Have the capacity to admit patients from throughout the state;]*

22 *[(B) Provide specialized intensive treatment for children with severe, low-incidence types of dis-*
23 *abling conditions; and]*

24 *[(C) Admit children who can expect to be hospitalized for extended periods of time or rehospitalized*
25 *frequently.]*

26 *[(2)]* **(b)** The superintendent shall be responsible for the payment of the cost of the education
27 by contract with the school district in which the *[state-operated hospital, the Oregon Health and*
28 *Science University hospital or clinic or the private]* hospital is located. The hospital shall be respon-

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 sible for the costs of transportation, care, treatment and medical expenses. The payments may be
2 made to the school district, or at the discretion of the school district, to the district providing the
3 education, as set forth in [subsection (3) of this section] **paragraph (c) of this subsection**, from the
4 funds appropriated for the purpose.

5 [(3)] **(c)** The school district in which the [state-operated hospital, the Oregon Health and Science
6 University hospital or clinic or the private] hospital is located shall be responsible for providing the
7 education directly or through an adjacent school district or through the education service district
8 in which the program is located or one contiguous [thereto.] **to the school district.**

9 **(d) A student who is in a hospital educational program shall continue to remain enrolled**
10 **in the school district in which the student had been a resident prior to being in the hospital**
11 **educational program only for the purpose of maintaining access to classroom curricula and**
12 **associated technology.**

13 [(4)] **(e)** The superintendent shall make the final determinations concerning the eligibility of
14 hospitals to receive state funding under this section.

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