

Senate Bill 970

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN; Representative HUDSON

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: Limits when students may be placed in remote or online learning programs. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Provides that enrollment in a remote learning program or an online learning program is voluntary. Provides exceptions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the provision of instruction in a manner that is not in person.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) **"Online learning program" means an instructional program or plan in which instruction regularly and primarily occurs online or by other electronic technology.**

(b) **"Remote learning program" means an instructional program or plan in which the student is regularly separated by time or location for the student's instructional time with the teacher, regardless of whether technology is used.**

(2) **Student enrollment in a remote learning program or an online learning program is voluntary and may not be unilaterally imposed by a school district.**

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to:

(a) **An out-of-school suspension imposed in compliance with ORS 339.250.**

(b) **A remote learning program or an online learning program provided on a temporary basis as part of an alternate interim placement for a student while a functional behavioral assessment is being conducted or for whom a behavior intervention plan is being developed or implemented in compliance with the requirements of federal and state law.**

(c) **A remote learning program or an online learning program provided on a temporary basis to a majority of the students in the program due to a public health emergency, a human-created disaster, a natural disaster or any other declared public emergency.**

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act applies to instruction provided on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

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.