

A-Engrossed House Bill 4154

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Sponsored by Representatives WISE, DOBSON, RIEKE SMITH, Senators FREDERICK, REYNOLDS; Representatives ANDERSEN, BOWMAN, CHAICHI, FRAGALA, GRAYBER, McDONALD, McLAIN, NATHANSON, NELSON, NOSSE, RUIZ, Senators NERON MISSLIN, PATTERSON, PHAM K, SOLLMAN, WEBER (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: Makes public data that are collected about students going to school. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).

Requires the compilation of data about students who are regular attenders or who are chronically absent.

[Takes effect July 1, 2026.]

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student attendance data; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.

SECTION 2. (1) Using student attendance data received from a school district under ORS 327.133, the Department of Education shall calculate the following for students who were enrolled at the school district or a public charter school for a total of at least 10 days during the reporting period:

(a) The total number of students in average daily membership for the school district or public charter school;

(b) The total number of students in average daily membership who are regular attenders;

(c) The percentage of students who are regular attenders;

(d) The total number of students in average daily membership who are chronically absent; and

(e) The percentage of students who are chronically absent.

(2)(a) Four times per calendar year, the department shall:

(A) Compile the data as provided by subsection (1) of this section;

(B) Provide each school district and public charter school at least 15 business days to review the compiled data and request adjustments be made to the data, in the time and manner provided by rule of the State Board of Education, before the department makes the data available to the public; and

(C) Make available to the public the compiled data on the department's website in an easy-to-use format, including disaggregating the data by student group.

(b) When making the data available to the public, the department shall clearly describe:

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 (A) The requirements used for determining when a student is a regular attender or
2 chronically absent;

3 (B) Whether any changes have been made in the methodology for determining when a
4 student is a regular attender or chronically absent; and

5 (C) Guidance on how the data should be interpreted and used, including any limitations
6 of the data when making comparisons across school districts, schools and reporting periods.

7 SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2026 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

8 (2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the
9 State Board of Education and the Department of Education may take any action before the
10 operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the department
11 and board to exercise, on and after the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this
12 section, all of the duties, functions and power conferred upon the department and board by
13 section 2 of this 2026 Act.

14 SECTION 4. (1) The reporting requirements and the data compilation requirements of
15 section 2 of this 2026 Act first apply to the 2026-2027 school year.

16 (2) The Department of Education shall include on the department's website a clear de-
17 scription of the changes that have been made in the methodology for determining when a
18 student is a regular attender or chronically absent for the 2026-2027 school year in compar-
19 ison to the methodology used in making that determination for the 2025-2026 school year.

20 SECTION 5. This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect
22 on its passage.
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