

House Bill 3358

Sponsored by Representatives KOTEK, WHISNANT

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**.

Directs Department of Education to convene advisory group related to English language learner programs.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to an English language learner advisory group; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall convene an advisory group to advise the department regarding English language learner programs.

(2) The advisory group must consist of nine members, including educators, parents, culturally-specific community stakeholders, experts on English language learner policy and experts in collecting and analyzing data. The department shall solicit recommendations for membership from organizations that represent educators, administrators, school district boards and parents when determining membership of the advisory group.

(3) The advisory group shall:

(a) Ensure that the implementation of ORS 327.016 and 336.079 align with statewide efforts related to English language learners and with other efforts to serve the public school students of this state.

(b) Establish and regularly review a long-term accountability plan for school districts to meet the educational needs of English language learners.

(c) Develop and regularly review recommendations for best practices on the following:

(A) Providing ongoing support to students of a school district who no longer are eligible for or enrolled in an English language learner program under ORS 336.079.

(B) Engaging parents and delivering essential notifications related to English language learner programs.

(C) Identifying students who are eligible to be enrolled in an English language learner program, including any identification methods that can occur before a student enrolls in kindergarten.

(D) Providing accommodations for assessments for English language learners.

(E) Assessing English language learners, which may allow for a list of assessments to be approved by the department.

(F) Acquiring student library books in languages other than English.

(G) Providing support to students who have been identified as long-term English language learners.

(4) The advisory group shall meet at least six times each year.

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 **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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