

SB 594 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Frederick

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/12/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Robinson, Thomsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/7, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Legislative Policy and Research Office to conduct study of monitoring software and its usage. Establishes parameters of study. Requires report by September 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Comprehensive distance learning
- Use of monitoring software
- Ability of monitoring software to provide corporations with information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

At the end of the 2019-2020 school year and for most of the 2020-2021 school year, the majority of Oregon's K-12 students have been engaged in comprehensive distance learning, in which teachers have provided instruction remotely through online conferencing platforms such as Zoom. Districts have distributed computers and internet hotspots to students to enable them to engage in comprehensive distance learning, although many families have provided their own devices. Senate Bill 594 A requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study monitoring software.