

House Bill 2585

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY

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**.

Creates Task Force on School Counseling. Directs task force to study status of school counseling programs in kindergarten through grade 12 public schools.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to education; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on School Counseling, consisting of**
5 **members appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The superintendent shall**
6 **appoint members who represent administrators, teachers, school counselors, school district**
7 **boards and other groups identified by the superintendent.**

8 (2) The task force shall study the status of school counseling programs in kindergarten
9 through grade 12 public schools. The task force shall make recommendations about school
10 counseling programs.

11 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
12 of business.

13 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
14 of the task force.

15 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

16 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the superintendent shall make an appointment
17 to become immediately effective.

18 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
19 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

20 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

21 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
22 lation, to the interim legislative committees on education on or before October 1, 2008.

23 (10) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force.

24 (11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
25 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
26 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
27 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose.

28 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and school districts are
29 directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted
30 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members
31 of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
2 regular biennial legislative session.

3 **SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
5 July 1, 2007.
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