

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2588**

Ordered by the House May 9  
Including House Amendments dated May 9

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.

*[Creates Task Force on High School Graduation. Directs task force to study obstacles to high school graduation.]*

*[Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.]*

**Provides that school may not have more than 10 percent of average daily membership absent during month school is in operation.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to education; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 339.065.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 339.065 is amended to read:

339.065. (1) In estimating regular attendance for purposes of the compulsory attendance provisions of ORS 339.005 to 339.030, 339.040 to 339.125, 339.137, 339.420 and 339.990, the principal or teacher shall consider all unexcused absences. Eight unexcused one-half day absences in any four-week period during which the school is in session shall be considered irregular attendance.

(2) An absence may be excused by a principal or teacher if the absence is caused by the pupil's sickness, by the sickness of some member of the pupil's family or by an emergency. A principal or teacher may also excuse absences for other reasons where satisfactory arrangements are made in advance of the absence.

(3) Any pupil may be excused from attendance by the district school board for a period not to exceed five days in a term of three months or not to exceed 10 days in any term of at least six months. Any such excuse shall be in writing directed to the principal of the school *[which]* **that** the pupil attends.

**(4)(a) Each school operated by a school district may not have more than 10 percent of the average daily membership (ADM), as defined in ORS 327.006, of the school absent during a month that school is in operation.**

**(b) A student who is absent from school as required by the individualized education program, as defined in ORS 343.035, of the student or as required by a plan pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is not considered absent for purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

**(c) If a school does not meet the requirements of this subsection, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall notify the school and the school district that operates the school.**

**(d) The superintendent shall find any school district that operates a school that does not**

**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 **meet the requirements of this subsection deficient under ORS 327.103.**

2 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 339.065 by section 1 of this 2007 Act first apply to**  
3 **the 2008-2009 school year.**

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