House Bill 2773

Sponsored by Representative KOTEK, Senator MONNES ANDERSON

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 to study school nursing services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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- 2 Relating to Task Force on School Nurses; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "school" means any kindergarten through grade 12 school that receives public funds.
 - (2) There is created the Task Force on School Nurses, consisting of eight members appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as follows:
 - (a) Two members shall be chosen from among persons recommended by the Department of Education;
 - (b) One member shall be a member of a labor organization representing nurses;
 - (c) One member shall be a school nurse;
 - (d) Three members shall be experienced in issues relating to school health; and
- 13 (e) One member shall be a member of a school district board or a school administrator.
- 14 (3) The task force shall:

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- (a) Study and assess the availability of nursing services in Oregon schools and the feasibility of expanding existing services; and
- (b) Recommend a plan to establish school nurses as a mandated service in all schools in Oregon.
- (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business
- (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
- (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (10) The task force shall submit a report concerning its findings to the interim committees on education no later than September 1, 2008.
 - (11) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force.

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.

(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement and
serve as volunteers on the task force.
(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and school districts are
directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted
by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members
of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect on its passage.