

Senate Bill 397

Sponsored by Senator MORSE (at the request of Cynthia Marrs)

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**.

Requires certain school officials to notify Department of Transportation when person who is at least 15 years of age and under 18 years of age withdraws from school.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to notification of student withdrawal from school; amending ORS 339.257; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.257 is amended to read:

6 339.257. (1) The principal or a designee of the principal of a secondary school shall provide
7 documentation of enrollment status on a form provided by the Department of Transportation to any
8 student at least 15 years of age and under 18 years of age who is properly enrolled in the school
9 and who needs the documentation in order to apply for issuance or reinstatement of driving privi-
10 leges. The form shall be available at the administrative offices of the school district for a student
11 who applies for issuance or reinstatement of driving privileges during school holidays.

12 (2) *[A school district board may establish a policy authorizing]* The superintendent of *[the]* a
13 school district or *[the]* a **school district** board *[to]* **shall** notify the department of the withdrawal
14 from school of a student who is at least 15 years of age and under 18 years of age. *[For purposes*
15 *of this subsection, a student shall be considered to have withdrawn from school after more than 10*
16 *consecutive school days of unexcused absences or 15 school days total of unexcused absences during*
17 *a single semester. A policy adopted under this subsection shall include a provision allowing a student*
18 *to appeal a decision to notify the department.]*

19 (3) The governing body of a private school *[may establish a policy authorizing]* **or** a represen-
20 tative of the school *[to]* **shall** notify the department of *[a student's withdrawal]* **the withdrawal from**
21 **school of a student who is at least 15 years of age and under 18 years of age.** *[Terms and*
22 *conditions of the policy shall be the same as those described in subsection (2) of this section for a school*
23 *district board.]*

24 (4) **For purposes of this section, a student shall be considered to have withdrawn from**
25 **school after more than 10 consecutive school days of unexcused absences or 15 school days**
26 **total of unexcused absences during a single semester.**

27 (5) **A school district board or the governing body of a private school shall adopt a policy**
28 **allowing a student to appeal a decision to notify the department.**

29 **SECTION 2.** **This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
31 **July 1, 2007.**

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.

