

Senate Bill 622

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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 Department of Education to provide full-time equivalent employee to administer talented and gifted program. Directs department to establish six regional talented and gifted planning centers.

Requires school districts to submit written plan of instruction for talented and gifted children to Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to talented and gifted program; creating new provisions; amending ORS 343.397; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 343.391**
6 **to 343.413.**

7 **SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall employ at least one full-time equivalent**
8 **employee to administer, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the**
9 **talented and gifted program under ORS 343.391 to 343.413.**

10 **SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Education shall establish six regional talented and**
11 **gifted planning centers. The centers shall be located at community colleges or state insti-**
12 **tutions of higher education listed in ORS 352.002.**

13 **(2) Each center shall have a regional planning committee appointed by the Superinten-**
14 **dent of Public Instruction that consists of representatives of teachers, school district ad-**
15 **ministrators, parents of talented and gifted students and school district or school talented**
16 **and gifted program coordinators.**

17 **(3) Each center shall provide materials for professional development.**

18 **SECTION 4. ORS 343.397 is amended to read:**

19 343.397. [*Any*] A school district [*may*] **shall** submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
20 for approval a written plan of instruction for talented and gifted children. The plan shall include,
21 but not be limited to:

22 (1) A statement of school district policy on the education of talented and gifted children;

23 (2) An assessment of current special programs and services provided by the district for talented
24 and gifted children;

25 (3) A statement of district goals for providing comprehensive special programs and services and
26 over what span of time the goals will be achieved;

27 (4) A description of the nature of the special programs and services which will be provided to
28 accomplish the goals; and

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 (5) A plan for evaluating progress on the district plan including each component program and
2 service.

3 **SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 343.397 by section 4 of this 2007 Act first apply to**
4 **the 2007-2008 school year.**

5 **SECTION 6. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
7 **July 1, 2007.**

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