

Senate Bill 774

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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**.

Directs Department of Education to establish kindergarten plus program to assist certain kindergarten students to learn to read using certified reading tutors.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to kindergarten plus program; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish the kindergarten plus pro-**
5 **gram. The purpose of the program is to assist kindergarten students who have been identi-**
6 **fied as needing extra help to learn to read.**

7 (2) Each school district shall offer the program to all kindergarten students. A parent
8 or guardian may voluntarily choose to enroll their child in the program.

9 (3) The department shall develop curriculum for the program, in consultation with
10 Oregon teacher education institutions and community colleges, based on research and best
11 practices.

12 (4) Students who enroll in the program shall receive an extra hour of tutoring outside
13 of their normal kindergarten program. Certified reading tutors shall provide the tutoring.
14 The program may be offered after the regular morning kindergarten program, before or after
15 the regular afternoon kindergarten program or after a regular full-day kindergarten pro-
16 gram.

17 (5) The department shall develop a certification program for reading tutors. The program
18 shall be designed to utilize volunteers. The training shall be conducted by community colleges
19 in programs designed in conjunction with the department.

20 **SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall evaluate the kindergarten plus program**
21 **and report the results to the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly prior to February 1, 2017.**

22 **SECTION 3. The kindergarten plus program shall first be offered during the 2008-2009**
23 **school year.**

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

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