

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 779**

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

Sponsored by Senator WALKER; Senators AVAKIAN, BROWN, GORDLY, METSGER, MORRISETTE, Representatives BUCKLEY, FLORES, TOMEI, WHISNANT (at the request of Margaret DeLacy)

**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.

*[Requires school districts to establish complaint process. If school district does not follow process.]* **Directs State Board of Education to adopt by rule process that school district must follow to resolve complaints. Specifies requirements for process.** Allows person to appeal district decision to Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to school district complaint process; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule requirements for the process that a school district must use when the district receives a complaint pertaining to whether a school in the district is a standard school as defined in ORS 327.006.**

**(2) The rules adopted by the board shall require school districts to establish and implement a process for the prompt resolution of a complaint and shall require the process to:**

**(a) Have specific timelines for the completion of the process by both the district and the person making the complaint;**

**(b) Have a specific time period within which the district must make a final decision on a complaint, after which the final decision on the complaint may be appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and**

**(c) Recognize that if a district does not provide a written decision within the specific time period, failure to provide such a decision will be regarded as the district's final decision.**

**SECTION 2. 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 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.