

# Senate Bill 779

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 **as introduced**.

Requires school districts to establish complaint process. If school district does not follow process, allows person to appeal district decision to Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Each school district shall establish a process for the prompt resolution**  
5 **of a complaint by a person who resides in the district or by any parent or guardian of a**  
6 **student who attends school in the school district. The process shall be in writing and be**  
7 **made available to the public.**

8 **(2) The school district shall specify the period of time for the district to address a com-**  
9 **plaint.**

10 **(3) If a school district does not follow the process adopted by the district, the person who**  
11 **filed the complaint may appeal any decision of the school district to the Superintendent of**  
12 **Public Instruction. If the school district does not issue a decision about the complaint within**  
13 **the time period specified in the complaint process adopted by the district, the person may**  
14 **file the complaint with the superintendent.**

15 **(4) If the superintendent determines the school district has violated state law, the su-**  
16 **perintendent shall proceed under ORS 327.103.**

17 **(5) The complaint process required by this section shall be in addition to any other rem-**  
18 **edy available to a person by law.**

19 **SECTION 2. The complaint process required by section 1 of this 2007 Act shall first be**  
20 **available during the 2007-2008 school year.**

21 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
23 **July 1, 2007.**

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**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.