House Bill 3041

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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.

Directs Department of Education to establish pilot project for purpose of assisting federal Head Start program providers located in Oregon with adopting and implementing health literacy program. Sunsets pilot program on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to health literacy; and declaring an emergency.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish a pilot project for the purpose of assisting federal Head Start program providers located in Oregon with adopting and implementing a health literacy program that empowers consumers of health care to better communicate with health care professionals and to more effectively seek appropriate levels of care.
- (2) The department shall select no more than six federal Head Start program providers in Oregon to participate in the pilot project established under this section. The department may establish an application process for the purpose of the selection.
- (3) The department shall provide assistance to federal Head Start program providers as required by this section by:
- (a) Seeking contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its agencies or from any other source, public or private; and
- (b) Facilitating communication among the participating federal Head Start program providers regarding the adoption and implementation of a health literacy program.
- (4) For purposes of this section, the department may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States Government and its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the funds that are not inconsistent with the purposes of this section.
- (5) All funds received by the department under this section shall be paid into the Department of Education Account established in ORS 326.115 to the credit of the pilot project established under this section.
- (6) The department shall submit a report to the interim legislative committees related to education no later than October 1, 2010. The report required by this subsection shall summarize the efforts and results of the pilot project established under this section.
- <u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session.
 - SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

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- peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect on its passage.
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