

# Senate Bill 374

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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**.

Establishes Oregon Civics Day for Teachers on first Friday in December. Urges school districts to encourage teachers to participate in professional development opportunities focused on civics. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Oregon Civics Day for Teachers; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas studies show that most students lack a proficient understanding of civics, including  
4 government, history, law and democracy; and

5 Whereas teachers' understanding of civics will help them provide high-quality instruction in  
6 civics; now, therefore,

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

8 **SECTION 1. (1) The first Friday in December is known as the Oregon Civics Day for**  
9 **Teachers.**

10 **(2) The purpose of the Oregon Civics Day for Teachers is to give teachers the opportunity**  
11 **to learn about civics in Oregon for the purpose of assisting them in providing high-quality**  
12 **instruction in civics.**

13 **(3) School districts are urged to encourage teachers to participate in professional devel-**  
14 **opment opportunities that are focused on civics and that are provided on the first Friday in**  
15 **December.**

16 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
18 **July 1, 2009.**

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