

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 537

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “326.133” insert “and 326.136”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 21 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 326.133 is amended to read:

4 “326.133. (1) The Department of Education, in consultation with the District Best Business
5 Practices Advisory Committee, shall establish a system for auditing **and evaluating** the business
6 practices of districts. The department shall develop a list of best business practices to use for the
7 district audits **and evaluations**.

8 “(2) Only those districts that volunteer for [*the audit*] **an audit or an evaluation** will be audited
9 **or evaluated** under this section.

10 “[*(3) The department shall contract with the Secretary of State to audit districts based on the list*
11 *of best business practices.*]

12 “(3)(a) **The department shall enter into contracts to audit and evaluate the business**
13 **practices of districts. Contracts may be entered into with the Secretary of State for audits**
14 **and with any other entity for evaluations.**

15 “(b) **Contracts entered into under this section shall comply with the competitive bidding**
16 **requirements of ORS chapters 279A and 279B.**

17 “(4) The [*secretary*] **department** shall report the results of [*the audit first*] **an audit or an**
18 **evaluation** to the Governor, the State Board of Education and the district that was the subject of
19 the audit **or the evaluation**. [*Then the secretary*] **After making the reports required by this**
20 **subsection, the department** may post the results of the audit **or the evaluation** on the Internet.

21 “(5) The department shall monitor district responses to the recommendations made in [*the*
22 *audit*] **an audit or an evaluation**. The department shall report to the board on the district re-
23 sponses and make further recommendations if necessary.

24 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 326.136 is amended to read:

25 “326.136. (1) There is established the District Best Business Practices Advisory Committee. The
26 advisory committee shall consist of:

27 “(a) One member appointed by the President of the Senate from among the members of the
28 Senate;

29 “(b) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among the
30 members of the House of Representatives; and

31 “(c) The following members appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

32 “(A) One member who is a representative of district school boards;

33 “(B) One member who is a representative of district administrators;

34 “(C) One member who is a representative of district teachers;

35 “(D) One member who is employed by a district as a business manager;

1 “(E) One member who is a member of a board of directors of an education service district; and
2 “(F) One member who is a representative of district classified employees.
3 “(2) In addition to the members appointed under subsection (1) of this section, the superinten-
4 dent may appoint additional members who have special expertise in district business practices.
5 “(3) The advisory committee shall advise the Department of Education on the development of a
6 system for auditing **and evaluating** the business practices of districts under ORS 326.133, including:
7 “(a) The designation of best business practices of districts;
8 “(b) The method of [*selecting*] **auditing or evaluating** districts that volunteer for an audit **or**
9 **evaluation**;
10 “(c) The interpretation and understanding of audit **and evaluation** results; and
11 “(d) Monitoring and reporting the district responses to the results of [*the*] audits **and evalu-**
12 **ations**.
13 “(4) A majority of the members of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the trans-
14 action of business.
15 “(5) The advisory committee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair-
16 person or of a majority of the members of the advisory committee.
17 “(6) Official action by the advisory committee requires the approval of a majority of the mem-
18 bers of the advisory committee.
19 “(7) The advisory committee shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
20 “(8) The term of office of each member is two years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the
21 appointing authority. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an
22 appointment to become immediately effective.
23 “(9) The department shall provide staff support to the advisory committee.
24 “(10) Members of the advisory committee who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
25 not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other ex-
26 penses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts pro-
27 vided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the advisory
28 committee shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose.
29 “(11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and all districts are directed
30 to assist the advisory committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by
31 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the advi-
32 sory committee consider necessary to perform their duties.”.

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