

# Senate Bill 817

Sponsored by Senator WINTERS

## 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**.

Encourages district school boards to develop and provide course to instruct high school students on parental skills and child development. Allows board to require student to complete course before graduation. Allows student to be excused from course.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to high school curriculum; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.107.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.107 is amended to read:

5 336.107. (1) A district school board is encouraged to develop [*a course of study*] **and provide a**  
6 **course** to instruct [*high school*] students **in grades 9 through 12** on parental skills and child de-  
7 velopment.

8 (2) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a district school board may adopt**  
9 **a policy that requires a student to satisfactorily complete a one-semester course, or the**  
10 **equivalent, on parental skills and child development prior to receiving a high school diploma.**

11 (3) **If a student attends a school in a school district that requires students to attend a**  
12 **course on parental skills and child development, the school that the student attends shall:**

13 (a) **Provide the parent or guardian of the student with written notification of the course**  
14 **and of the right of the parent or guardian to exclude the student from the course; or**

15 (b) **If the student is 18 years of age or older or is emancipated pursuant to ORS 419B.550**  
16 **to 419B.558, provide the student with written notification of the right of the student to be**  
17 **excluded from the course.**

18 (4)(a) **A parent or guardian or a student described in subsection (3)(b) of this section may**  
19 **direct in writing that the student not participate in a course on parental skills and child**  
20 **development.**

21 (b) **When a school receives notification as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection,**  
22 **the school shall excuse the student from the course on parental skills and child development**  
23 **and provide alternative instruction.**

24 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding ORS 336.107, as amended by section 1 of this 2009 Act, a  
25 student may not be required to satisfactorily complete a parental skills and child develop-  
26 ment course prior to receiving a high school diploma if the student graduates from high  
27 school prior to July 1, 2014.  
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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.