

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 976

Ordered by the Senate June 18
Including Senate Amendments dated June 18

Sponsored by Senator HASS, Representative HARKER; Senators ATKINSON, BATES, BONAMICI, BURDICK, DEVLIN, GEORGE, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, PROZANSKI, TELFER, WALKER, Representatives BARKER, DEMBROW, HOLVEY, MAURER, READ, WINGARD

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.

[*Allows school district to renew*] **Requires Department of Education to grant** waiver that allows school district to contract with entity that administers nationally normed assessments if entity meets specified requirements. Directs department [*of Education*] to reimburse school district for cost of assessments that are administered under waiver.

Sunset June 30, 2011.

Declares emergency, [*effective on passage*] **effective July 1, 2009.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to nationally normed assessments; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) **Notwithstanding ORS 329.488 and for the purpose of administering a nationally normed assessment to students in a school district who are in grade 10, the Department of Education shall grant a waiver to a school district to enter into a contract with a nonprofit entity other than the contractor selected by the department under ORS 329.488 if:**

(a) **The district had entered into a contract with the entity for the 2007-2008 school year to administer an assessment to students in the district who are in grade 10;**

(b) **The entity, in coordination with the district, administered an assessment during the 2007-2008 school year to students in the district who are in grade 10;**

(c) **For the most recent school year in which the entity administered an assessment, the entity met the criteria established under ORS 329.488 (2) as in effect for the school year in which the entity administered the assessment; and**

(d) **The entity plans to meet the criteria established under ORS 329.488 (2) for the school year for which the school district seeks a waiver.**

(2) A waiver granted by the department under this section:

(a) **Is valid for one school year; and**

(b) **May be renewed each school year.**

(3) The department shall reimburse a school district for the cost of assessments allowed under this section from funds available to the department under ORS 327.008 (10).

SECTION 2. **Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on June 30, 2011.**

SECTION 3. **This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**

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.

1 **July 1, 2009.**

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