

# A-Engrossed House Bill 3626

Ordered by the House February 5  
Including House Amendments dated February 5

Sponsored by Representative KOTEK; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, CANNON, DEMBROW, DOHERTY, GELSER, GREENLICK, HARKER, HOLVEY, KAHL, KOMP, NATHANSON, ROBLAN, STIEGLER, TOMEI, VANORMAN, WHISNANT, Senators DEVLIN, MONROE, SHIELDS (Presession filed.)

## 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.

Directs Department of Education to establish pilot program [*for purpose of providing comprehensive*] **that provides** vision screenings to students.  
Sunsets June 30, 2011.

**Appropriates, for biennium beginning July 1, 2009, moneys from General Fund to department for purpose of carrying out pilot program.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to vision screenings; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Education shall establish a pilot program that is**  
5 **operated in three school districts in this state and that provides vision screenings to stu-**  
6 **dents in those districts. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine evidence-based,**  
7 **cost-effective methods for identifying students who may have vision problems that interfere**  
8 **with learning and school performance.**

9 **(b) The school districts participating in the pilot program must be of different sizes and**  
10 **geographic locations.**

11 **(c) The department may enter into a contract with a public or private entity to imple-**  
12 **ment the pilot program.**

13 **(2) The department shall ensure that the greatest number of students practicable in**  
14 **grades 1 through 8 from the school districts participating in the pilot program receive a vi-**  
15 **sion screening prior to January 1, 2011.**

16 **(3) Nothing in this section requires a student to participate in a vision screening if the**  
17 **parent or guardian of the student provides a statement that the vision screening is contrary**  
18 **to the religious beliefs of the student or of the parent or guardian of the student.**

19 **(4) The department may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United**  
20 **States Government and its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree**  
21 **to conditions placed on the funds that are not inconsistent with the purposes of this section.**

22 **(5) All funds received by the department for the pilot program shall be paid into the De-**  
23 **partment of Education Account established by ORS 326.115 to the credit of the pilot program.**

24 **(6) Not later than March 1, 2011, the department shall report the results of the pilot**  
25 **program to the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, including:**

**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 (a) The number of students who received vision screenings;
- 2 (b) The number of students who, based on the vision screenings, were:
- 3 (A) Referred to an ophthalmologist or an optometric physician for an eye examination;
- 4 (B) Identified as requiring vision correction or treatment; and
- 5 (C) Provided vision correction or treatment;
- 6 (c) The estimated cost per student for the students who received vision screenings; and
- 7 (d) Recommendations for how to fund and implement statewide a program that provides
- 8 students with vision screenings.

9 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2010 Act is repealed on June 30, 2011.

10 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium  
11 beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of  
12 carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2010 Act.

13 **SECTION 4.** This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect  
15 on its passage.

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