

House Bill 3688

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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**.

Prohibits provider of educational services from offering money or other consideration to student, parent or legal guardian in return for student electing to receive or receiving educational services from specific provider.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to educational services; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 338.025 and 338.115.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "provider of educational services" means a public**
5 **charter school, a district school board or a public or private provider of educational services**
6 **that provides educational services under a contract or the authority of a public charter**
7 **school or district school board.**

8 **(2) A provider of educational services may not offer payment of money or other consid-**
9 **eration to a student or to a parent or legal guardian of a student in return for the student**
10 **electing to receive or receiving educational services from a specific provider of educational**
11 **services.**

12 **(3) This section does not apply to:**

13 **(a) Money or other consideration provided to a student as required or allowed by law;**

14 **(b) Money provided for educational purposes based on the needs or abilities of the stu-**
15 **dent, including scholarships and reduced or waived tuition;**

16 **(c) Goods and services available to all students receiving educational services from the**
17 **provider of educational services; or**

18 **(d) Goods provided to a student for educational purposes if the ownership of the goods**
19 **is not transferred to the student, parent or legal guardian.**

20 **SECTION 2. ORS 338.115 is amended to read:**

21 338.115. (1) Statutes and rules that apply to school district boards, school districts or other
22 public schools do not apply to public charter schools. However, the following laws do apply to public
23 charter schools:

24 (a) Federal law;

25 (b) ORS 192.410 to 192.505 (public records law);

26 (c) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 (public meetings law);

27 (d) ORS 297.405 to 297.555 and 297.990 (Municipal Audit Law);

28 (e) ORS 181.534, 326.603, 326.607, 342.223 and 342.232 (criminal records checks);

29 (f) ORS 337.150 (textbooks);

30 (g) ORS 339.141, 339.147 and 339.155 (tuition and fees);

31 (h) ORS 659.850, 659.855 and 659.860 (discrimination);

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 (i) ORS 30.260 to 30.300 (tort claims);
- 2 (j) Health and safety statutes and rules;
- 3 (k) Any statute or rule that is listed in the charter;
- 4 (L) The statewide assessment system developed by the Department of Education for mathemat-
- 5 ics, science and English under ORS 329.485 (2);
- 6 (m) ORS 329.045 (academic content standards and instruction);
- 7 (n) Any statute or rule that establishes requirements for instructional time provided by a school
- 8 during each day or during a year;
- 9 (o) ORS 339.250 (12) (prohibition on infliction of corporal punishment);
- 10 (p) ORS 339.370, 339.372, 339.388 and 339.400 (reporting of child abuse and training on pre-
- 11 vention and identification of child abuse);
- 12 (q) ORS 329.451 (high school diploma, modified diploma, extended diploma and alternative cer-
- 13 tificate);
- 14 (r) ORS chapter 657 (Employment Department Law);
- 15 (s) ORS 339.326; [*and*]
- 16 **(t) Section 1 of this 2010 Act (consideration for educational services); and**
- 17 [*t*] **(u) This chapter.**
- 18 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a charter may specify that statutes and rules
- 19 that apply to school district boards, school districts and other public schools may apply to a public
- 20 charter school.
- 21 (3) If a statute or rule applies to a public charter school, then the terms “school district” and
- 22 “public school” include public charter school as those terms are used in that statute or rule.
- 23 (4) A public charter school may not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment
- 24 to the United States Constitution or section 5, Article I of the Oregon Constitution, or be religion
- 25 based.
- 26 (5) A public charter school shall maintain an active enrollment of at least 25 students.
- 27 (6) A public charter school may sue or be sued as a separate legal entity.
- 28 (7) The sponsor, members of the governing board of the sponsor acting in their official capacities
- 29 and employees of a sponsor acting in their official capacities are immune from civil liability with
- 30 respect to all activities related to a public charter school within the scope of their duties or em-
- 31 ployment.
- 32 (8) A public charter school may enter into contracts and may lease facilities and services from
- 33 a school district, education service district, state institution of higher education, other governmental
- 34 unit or any person or legal entity.
- 35 (9) A public charter school may not levy taxes or issue bonds under which the public incurs li-
- 36 ability.
- 37 (10) A public charter school may receive and accept gifts, grants and donations from any source
- 38 for expenditure to carry out the lawful functions of the school.
- 39 (11) The school district in which the public charter school is located shall offer a high school
- 40 diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate to any public charter
- 41 school student who meets the district’s and state’s standards for a high school diploma, a modified
- 42 diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate.
- 43 (12) A high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate
- 44 issued by a public charter school grants to the holder the same rights and privileges as a high
- 45 school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate issued by a

1 nonchartered public school.

2 (13) Prior to beginning operation, the public charter school shall show proof of insurance to the
3 sponsor as specified in the charter.

4 (14) A public charter school may receive services from an education service district in the same
5 manner as a nonchartered public school in the school district in which the public charter school is
6 located.

7 **SECTION 3.** ORS 338.115, as amended by section 7, chapter 839, Oregon Laws 2007, section 12,
8 chapter 50, Oregon Laws 2008, and section 4, chapter 618, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended to read:

9 338.115. (1) Statutes and rules that apply to school district boards, school districts or other
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14 (c) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 (public meetings law);

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23 (L) The statewide assessment system developed by the Department of Education for mathemat-
24 ics, science and English under ORS 329.485 (2);

25 (m) ORS 329.045 (academic content standards and instruction);

26 (n) ORS 329.496 (physical education);

27 (o) Any statute or rule that establishes requirements for instructional time provided by a school
28 during each day or during a year;

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31 vention and identification of child abuse);

32 (r) ORS 329.451 (high school diploma, modified diploma, extended diploma and alternative cer-
33 tificate);

34 (s) ORS chapter 657 (Employment Department Law);

35 (t) ORS 339.326; *[and]*

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37 *[(u)]* **(v) This chapter.**

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42 “public school” include public charter school as those terms are used in that statute or rule.

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45 based.

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4 and employees of a sponsor acting in their official capacities are immune from civil liability with
5 respect to all activities related to a public charter school within the scope of their duties or em-
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9 unit or any person or legal entity.

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25 manner as a nonchartered public school in the school district in which the public charter school is
26 located.

27 **SECTION 4.** ORS 338.025 is amended to read:

28 338.025. (1) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation
29 of this chapter. The rules shall follow the intent of this chapter.

30 (2) Upon application by a public charter school, the State Board of Education may grant a
31 waiver of any provision of this chapter if the waiver promotes the development of programs by
32 providers, enhances the equitable access by underserved families to the public education of their
33 choice, extends the equitable access to public support by all students or permits high quality pro-
34 grams of unusual cost. The State Board of Education may not waive any appeal provision in this
35 chapter or any provision under ORS 338.115 (1)(a) to [(s)] (t).

36 **SECTION 5.** ORS 338.025, as amended by section 8, chapter 839, Oregon Laws 2007, and section
37 14, chapter 50, Oregon Laws 2008, is amended to read:

38 338.025. (1) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation
39 of this chapter. The rules shall follow the intent of this chapter.

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43 choice, extends the equitable access to public support by all students or permits high quality pro-
44 grams of unusual cost. The State Board of Education may not waive any appeal provision in this
45 chapter or any provision under ORS 338.115 (1)(a) to [(t)] (u).

