

Senate Bill 25

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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**.

Allows children zero years of age or older who are not kindergarten children to be eligible for Oregon prekindergarten program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to prekindergarten; amending ORS 329.170; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 329.170 is amended to read:

329.170. *[(1)]* As used in ORS 329.170 to 329.200:

[(a)] (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee established specifically for the Oregon prekindergarten program established by ORS 329.170 to 329.200.

(2) "Eligible children" means children who:

(a) **Are zero years of age or older who are not kindergarten children as defined in ORS 336.092;**

(b) **Are eligible to participate in the federal Head Start program;**

(c) **Are not participating in a federal, state or local program providing like comprehensive services; and**

(d) **Qualify for eligibility based on rules adopted by the State Board of Education.**

[(b)] (3) "Oregon prekindergartens" means programs that are recognized by the department as meeting the minimum program rules to be adopted by the State Board of Education and that provide comprehensive health, education and social services in order to maximize the potential of **eligible** children *[three and four years of age]*.

[(c)] (4) "Oregon prekindergarten program" means the statewide administrative activities carried on within the Department of Education to allocate, award and monitor state funds appropriated to create or assist local Oregon prekindergartens.

[(2)] For purposes of ORS 329.175, "eligible child" means an at-risk child who is not a participant in a federal, state or local program providing like comprehensive services and may include children who are eligible under rules adopted by the State Board of Education. As used in this subsection, "at-risk child" means a child at least three years of age and not eligible for kindergarten whose family circumstances would qualify that child for eligibility under the federal Head Start program.]

SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.