

Senate Bill 602

Sponsored by Senator VERGER; Senators ATKINSON, BOQUIST, COURTNEY, JOHNSON, 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**.

Requires instruction in Oregon Studies in middle school.
Takes effect July 1, 2012.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to required courses of instruction; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.057; and
3 prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.057 is amended to read:

6 336.057. In all public schools, courses of instruction shall be given in:

7 (1) The Constitution of the United States and *[in]* the history of the United States. *[These]*

8 Courses **required by this subsection** shall:

9 *[(1)]* (a) *[Begin not later than the opening of]* **Be provided in** the eighth grade and *[shall]* con-
10 tinue in grades 9 through 12.

11 *[(2)]* (b) Be required in all state institutions of higher education, except the Oregon Health and
12 Science University, and in all state and local institutions that provide education for patients or in-
13 mates to an extent to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

14 (2) **Oregon Studies, as defined in ORS 329.007 and developed under ORS 329.492. The**
15 **course described in this subsection shall be required:**

16 (a) **For a minimum of two semesters, or the equivalent of two semesters; and**

17 (b) **In grade six, seven or eight.**

18 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 336.057 by section 1 of this 2011 Act first apply to
19 the 2012-2013 school year.

20 **SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act takes effect July 1, 2012.
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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.