

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits districts that admit nonresident students from considering race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, disability and other factors when determining whether to give consent or establishing any terms of consent. Establishes that a district school board considering admission by giving consent may only require name, contact info, birthdate, grade level, and information about student being expelled from a school. Prohibits district school board from requesting, when considering admission: 1) information about race, religion, sex and other factors; 2) academic records including participation in a talented and gifted program or special education program; or, 3) requesting or requiring student to participate in an interview, school tour or request other information. Clarifies that board may establish minimum behavior and attendance standards, and that prospective student is not prohibited by provisions from voluntarily touring facilities or requesting information. Allows district to limit number of students to whom it gives consent. Requires district school board to use lottery selection if number of students seeking admission exceeds limitation, and allows for preference to siblings. Permits district school board to revise maximum number of students for whom consent will be given at other than annual date established by board if there are no pending applications. Allows district school board to determine length of time for which consent admission is valid. Requires district school board to provide written explanation to student if it decides not to give consent. Applies to 2014-2015 school year. Specifies that student admitted to a long-term care facility or skilled nursing facility is considered resident of district in which facility is located for purposes of determining provision of educational services. Makes long-term care facility or skilled nursing facility provisions applicable to 2013-2014 school year. Sunsets those provisions on June 30, 2014. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendments
- Prohibitions against discrimination when considering admission of students
- Reasons for measure
- Students in skilled nursing or long-term care facilities
- Equity and fairness when allowing or disallowing transfer

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that district school board may establish minimum behavior and attendance standards. Clarifies that prospective student is not prohibited by provisions from touring facilities of district or requesting information from district. Specifies that student admitted to a long-term care facility or skilled nursing facility is considered resident of district in which facility is located for purposes of determining provision of educational services. Makes long-term care facility or skilled nursing facility provisions applicable to 2013-2014 school year. Sunsets those provisions on June 30, 2014.

BACKGROUND: Currently there are three methods by which a student may attend public school in another school district that is not the student's resident district: by interdistrict transfer (consent), contract and open enrollment (House Bill 3681 (2011)). House Bill 2747B places additional requirements on interdistrict transfers. The bill does not affect the transfer by contract or House Bill 3681 transfers. ORS 339.133 allows students to attend school in another district via interdistrict transfer. These students are currently considered resident in the district where they attend school and that district receives State School Fund monies for these students.

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