

House Bill 2750

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SUMMARY

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Specifies preference for integrating into school district children who are receiving special education. Limits circumstances under which school district may contract with education service district for provision of full-time instructional services to children receiving special education.

Takes effect July 1, 2014.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to provision of special education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 334.175 and
3 343.221; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 343.221 is amended to read:

6 343.221. In order to provide special education for children with disabilities, the district school
7 board of any school district in which there are school-age children who require special education:

8 (1) Shall submit an annual projected activities and cost statement to the Superintendent of
9 Public Instruction for a program of special education for the district's children with disabilities. The
10 proposed district program shall:

11 (a) Include provisions for providing special education and related services [*and*];

12 (b) Be designed to meet the unique needs of all resident children with disabilities[.]; **and**

13 (c) **To the extent practicable, provide special education:**

14 (A) **At school district facilities;**

15 (B) **By school district staff; and**

16 (C) **With children enrolled in, and participating as members of, the student body of the**
17 **school the children attend.**

18 (2) Shall provide special education for such children consistent with the projected activities and
19 cost statement.

20 (3) May, when the board considers a contract to be economically feasible and in the interests
21 of the learning opportunities of eligible children, contract for special education for such children
22 with another school district if the district school boards jointly agree to provide special education.

23 (4) May, when the board considers a contract to be economically feasible and in the interests
24 of the learning opportunities of eligible children, contract for special education for such children
25 with an education service district if:

26 (a) The contract is consistent with the local service plan of the education service district de-
27 veloped pursuant to ORS 334.175 and the school districts within the education service district ap-
28 prove the contract by a resolution adopted in the manner provided in ORS 334.175.

29 (b) **The school district:**

30 (A) **Has a student population of fewer than 1,000 students;**

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 **(B) Is entering into a contract for the provision of services that may include the pro-**
 2 **vision of related services, materials or training, but that may not include the provision of**
 3 **full-time instructional services unless otherwise allowed under subparagraph (C) of this**
 4 **paragraph; or**

5 **(C) Is entering into a contract for the provision of full-time instructional services to**
 6 **three or fewer students from the school district because of the specifications of the students'**
 7 **individualized education programs.**

8 [(b)] (c) The school district contracts with an education service district pursuant to ORS
 9 334.185.

10 (5) May contract with private agencies or organizations approved by the State Board of Educa-
 11 tion for special education.

12 (6) May use the services of public agencies, including community mental health programs and
 13 community developmental disabilities programs, which provide diagnostic, evaluation and other re-
 14 lated services for children.

15 (7) May contract for the provision of related services by a person in private practice if that
 16 person is registered, certified or licensed by the State of Oregon as qualified to provide a particular
 17 related service that requires registration, certification or licensing by the state.

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 334.175 is amended to read:

19 334.175. (1) An education service district shall provide regionalized core services to component
 20 school districts. The goals of these services are to:

21 (a) Assist component school districts in meeting the requirements of state and federal law;

22 (b) Improve student learning;

23 (c) Enhance the quality of instruction provided to students;

24 (d) Enable component school districts and the students who attend schools in those districts to
 25 have equitable access to resources; and

26 (e) Maximize operational and fiscal efficiencies for component school districts.

27 (2) The services provided by an education service district shall be provided according to a local
 28 service plan developed by the education service district and component school districts. The educa-
 29 tion service district and component school districts shall develop the local service plan to meet the
 30 goals specified in subsection (1) of this section. The local service plan must include services in at
 31 least the following areas:

32 (a) Programs for children with special needs, including but not limited to special education ser-
 33 vices and services for at-risk students. **Programs for children receiving special education ser-**
 34 **vices under a contract with a school district may be provided only as described in ORS**
 35 **343.221 (4).**

36 (b) Technology support for component school districts and the individual technology plans of
 37 those districts, including but not limited to technology infrastructure services, data services, in-
 38 structional technology services and distance learning.

39 (c) School improvement services for component school districts, including but not limited to:

40 (A) Services designed to support component school districts in meeting the requirements of state
 41 and federal law;

42 (B) Services designed to allow the education service district to participate in and facilitate a
 43 review of the state and federal standards related to the provision of a quality education by compo-
 44 nent school districts;

45 (C) Services designed to support and facilitate continuous school improvement planning;

1 (D) Services designed to address schoolwide behavior and climate issues; and

2 (E) Services designed to support career and technical education.

3 (d) Administrative and support services for component school districts, including but not limited
4 to services designed to consolidate component school district business functions, liaison services
5 between the Department of Education and component school districts and registration of children
6 being taught by private teachers, parents or legal guardians pursuant to ORS 339.035.

7 (e) Other services that an education service district is required to provide by state or federal
8 law, including but not limited to services required under ORS 339.005 to 339.090.

9 (3) In addition to the services specified in subsection (2) of this section, a local service plan may
10 include other services that are designed to meet regional needs.

11 (4) A local service plan shall also contain annual performance measures for the education ser-
12 vice district.

13 (5) A local service plan must:

14 (a) Be adopted by the board of the education service district.

15 (b) After being adopted by the board of the education service district, be approved on or before
16 March 1 by resolution of two-thirds of the component school districts that are a part of the educa-
17 tion service district and that have at least a majority of the pupils included in the average daily
18 membership of the education service district, as determined by the reports of such school districts
19 for the preceding year, enrolled in the schools of the school districts.

20 (6) Notwithstanding the process for approval and adoption required by subsection (5) of this
21 section, if the component school districts approve an amendment to a local service plan pursuant
22 to subsection (5)(b) of this section, the board of an education service district may amend a local
23 service plan that has been previously adopted by the board and approved by the component school
24 districts. An amendment to a local service plan may be done at any time.

25 (7) If a component school district determines that a local service plan, or the provision of ser-
26 vices under a local service plan, does not meet the service needs of the component school district,
27 the component school district may contract with a public entity for the provision of services.

28 (8) An education service district may provide the services required by the local service plan
29 directly through the staff of the district. In addition, an education service district may provide ser-
30 vices required by the local service plan through the operation of a public school, a public charter
31 school pursuant to ORS chapter 338, an alternative school or a preschool.

32 (9) An education service district may provide the services required by the local service plan in
33 cooperation with another education service district or with a school district. In addition, an educa-
34 tion service district may contract with a public or private entity for the provision of services.

35 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 334.175 and 343.221 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2013**
36 **Act first apply to the 2014-2015 school year.**

37 **SECTION 4. This 2013 Act takes effect on July 1, 2014.**