

# Senate Bill 584

Sponsored by Senators STARR, KRUSE; Senators BOQUIST, 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**.

Extends applicability of law that requires school districts to offer half-day kindergarten and allows school districts and public charter schools to offer supplemental kindergarten.

Requires school district to offer half-day kindergarten, authorizes school districts to offer full-day kindergarten and authorizes public charter schools to offer either half-day or full-day kindergarten, beginning with 2017-2018 school year.

Specifies that aggregate days membership of kindergarten students be calculated on basis of either half-time or full-time program, whichever school offers, beginning with State School Fund distributions made for 2017-2018 school year.

Extends by two years date by which process for determining child's readiness for kindergarten is made available to school districts for implementation.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to kindergarten; amending sections 2 and 3, chapter 40, Oregon Laws 2008, sections 6, 10  
3 and 14, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, and section 14, chapter 37, Oregon Laws 2012; and de-  
4 claring an emergency.

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

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6 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 40, Oregon Laws 2008, as amended by section 1, chapter 388,  
7 Oregon Laws 2009, and section 1, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 2.** Section 1, chapter 40, Oregon Laws 2008, applies to the 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010,  
9 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, [*and*] 2014-2015, **2015-2016 and 2016-2017** school years.

10 **SECTION 2.** Section 3, chapter 40, Oregon Laws 2008, as amended by section 2, chapter 388,  
11 Oregon Laws 2009, and section 2, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 3.** Section 1, chapter 40, Oregon Laws 2008, is repealed on June 30, [*2015*] **2017**.

13 **SECTION 3.** Section 6, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 6.** The amendments to ORS 327.106, 336.095 and 339.141 by sections 3 to 5 [*of this 2011*  
15 *Act*], **chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011**, first apply to the [*2015-2016*] **2017-2018** school year.

16 **SECTION 4.** Section 10, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 10.** The amendments to ORS 327.006, 327.077 and 327.297 by sections 7 to 9 [*of this 2011*  
18 *Act*], **chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011**, apply to State School Fund distributions commencing with  
19 the [*2015-2016*] **2017-2018** distributions.

20 **SECTION 5.** Section 14, chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 14.** The amendments to ORS 327.006, 327.077, 327.106, 327.297, 330.101, 336.092, 336.095 and  
22 339.141 by sections 3 to 5, 7 to 9, 11 and 12 [*of this 2011 Act*], **chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011**, and  
23 the repeal of ORS 327.082 by section 13 [*of this 2011 Act*], **chapter 704, Oregon Laws 2011**, become  
24 operative July 1, [*2015*] **2017**.

25 **SECTION 6.** Section 14, chapter 37, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 14.** (1) The Early Learning Council established by section 4, chapter 519, Oregon Laws

**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 2011, and the Department of Education shall jointly develop a process that allows for an assessment  
2 of children to determine their readiness for kindergarten. The development of the process must in-  
3 clude the input of kindergarten teachers prior to implementation as described in subsection (2) of  
4 this section.

5 (2) By November 1, 2012, the process described in subsection (1) of this section must be made  
6 available to school districts that have been selected to be part of a pilot program for the imple-  
7 mentation of the process. The council and department shall select the participating school districts  
8 from school districts that volunteer to be part of the pilot program and in a manner that achieves  
9 the greatest possible diversity of school districts across this state.

10 (3) By November 1, [2013] **2015**, the process described in subsection (1) of this section must be  
11 made available to all school districts for implementation.

12 **(4) Except for a school district participating in the pilot program described in subsection**  
13 **(2) of this section, a school district is not required to implement any assessment system for**  
14 **determining a child's readiness for kindergarten until after the process described in sub-**  
15 **section (1) of this section is available to the school district as provided by subsection (3) of**  
16 **this section.**

17 **SECTION 7. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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