

Senate Bill 755

Sponsored by Senator DINGFELDER, Representative FREDERICK

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**.

- Broadens definition of term "minority" for purpose of Minority Teacher Act.
- Establishes new goals for Minority Teacher Act.
- Directs representatives of Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, Oregon University System, Department of Education and Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to jointly submit report on Minority Teacher Act of 1991.
- Requires submission of report to interim legislative committees no later than July 1, 2014.
- Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Minority Teacher Act; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.433 and 342.437;
3 repealing ORS 342.437; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.433 is amended to read:

6 342.433. As used in ORS 342.433 to 342.449 and 351.077:

7 (1) "Minority" means a person who is:

8 (a) A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa but who is not Hispanic;

9 (b) A person of Hispanic culture or origin;

10 (c) A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the
11 Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands; [or]

12 (d) An American Indian or Alaskan Native having origins in any of the original peoples of North
13 America[.]; **or**

14 **(e) A person whose first language is not English.**

15 (2) "Teacher" includes a teacher or an administrator.

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 342.437 is amended to read:

17 342.437. [*The State of Oregon is committed to ethnic-racial equity and, therefore, it is the goal of*
18 *the state that by the year 2001 the number of minority teachers, including administrators, employed by*
19 *school districts and education service districts shall be approximately proportionate to the number of*
20 *minority children enrolled in the public schools of this state.] **As a result of this state's commit-**
21 **ment to ethnic-racial equality, the goal of this state is that, by July 1, 2015, the following**
22 **shall be increased by 10 percent as compared to July 1, 2012:***

23 **(1) The number of minority teachers and administrators employed by school districts and**
24 **education service districts; and**

25 **(2) The number of minority students enrolled in public teacher education programs.**

26 **SECTION 3.** ORS 342.437 is repealed June 30, 2016.

27 **SECTION 4.** (1) No later than July 1, 2014, representatives of the Education and
28 Workforce Policy Advisor, the Oregon University System, the Department of Education and

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 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall jointly submit a report on the Mi-
2 nority Teacher Act of 1991 to the interim legislative committees on education. The report
3 shall include:

4 (a) A summary of the most recent data collected as provided by ORS 342.443.

5 (b) A summary of the plans currently implemented as provided by ORS 342.447.

6 (c) Recommendations for meeting the goals expressed in ORS 342.437, including proposals
7 for the date by which to meet the goals expressed in ORS 342.437.

8 (d) A description of best practices within Oregon and other states for recruiting and re-
9 taining minority teachers.

10 (2) The Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, the Oregon University System, the
11 Department of Education and the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall make
12 the report submitted as provided under subsection (1) of this section available on the website
13 of each agency.

14 SECTION 5. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
15 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
16 on its passage.

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