B-Engrossed House Bill 2968

Ordered by the House June 23 Including House Amendments dated April 8 and June 23

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, GALLEGOS, SPRENGER; Senator HASS

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.

[Directs school districts to prepare and file annual reports related to amounts received from State School Fund for students who are in poverty families.]

[Directs Department of Education to report to Legislative Assembly on data collected.]

Directs Chief Education Officer to convene work group to produce report on how State School Fund expenditures relate to educational achievements of students from families in poverty.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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- Relating to reports on State School Fund expenditures; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Chief Education Officer shall convene a work group to produce a report on how State School Fund expenditures relate to the educational achievements of students from families in poverty.
 - (2) To produce the report required under subsection (1) of this section, the work group shall examine:
 - (a) The financial resources available from state, local and federal sources to serve students from families in poverty;
 - (b) The poverty weight under ORS 327.013 (1)(c)(A)(v)(I) for State School Fund distributions, including the amount that is distributed to school districts as a result of the poverty weight, how school districts use moneys received under the poverty weight and whether the poverty weight is sufficient to serve the needs of students from families in poverty; and
 - (c) Other funding or financial barriers associated with increasing academic achievement for students from families in poverty.
 - (3) The Chief Education Officer may invite any of the following to participate in the work group:
 - (a) Members of the Senate or the House of Representatives;
 - (b) Individuals who represent community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, parents, public school teachers, classified school employees, school district administrators, school district boards or education service districts; or
 - (c) Other community members or education stakeholders who have expertise related to students from families in poverty.
 - (4) The work group shall submit the report, and may include recommendations for leg-

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- islation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than November 15, 2015.
- 3 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2015.
- SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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