

# Senate Bill 554

Sponsored by Senator GELSER; Senator ROBLAN

## 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**.

Directs Department of Education to assist school districts in achieving specified goals related to school discipline.

Appropriates moneys to department for purpose of assisting school districts.

Sunsets requirement on July 1, 2017.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school discipline; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall assist school districts in achieving**  
5 **the following goals related to school discipline:**

6 (a) **Implementing discipline strategies designed to increase the academic achievement of**  
7 **students and to decrease the amount of time students are removed or excluded from the**  
8 **classroom setting due to disciplinary sanctions;**

9 (b) **Decreasing overall rates of suspension and expulsion and the number of days that**  
10 **students are removed from the classroom setting due to suspension or expulsion; and**

11 (c) **Reducing disparities in rates of discipline among students of different racial and eth-**  
12 **nic groups, among students from different family income levels, between students with dis-**  
13 **abilities and students without disabilities, and between male and female students.**

14 (2) **The department shall assist school districts in achieving the goals described in sub-**  
15 **section (1) of this section by:**

16 (a) **Entering into contracts with local entities to provide consultation and training ser-**  
17 **vices to school district personnel to achieve the goals described in subsection (1) of this**  
18 **section; and**

19 (b) **Providing grant moneys to school districts to plan and implement strategies to**  
20 **achieve the goals described in subsection (1) of this section.**

21 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on July 1, 2017.**

22 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
23 **ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the**  
24 **General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purposes described in section 1 of this 2015**  
25 **Act.**

26 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
28 **July 1, 2015.**

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**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.