

House Bill 4002

Sponsored by Representative GALLEGOS (Presession filed.)

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 develop and implement statewide education plan to address chronic absences of students in public schools.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to chronic absences; 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 develop and implement a statewide**
5 **education plan to address chronic absences of students in the public schools of this state.**

6 **(2) The department shall collaborate with representatives of the Department of Human**
7 **Services, the Oregon Health Authority, the Early Learning Division and community and ed-**
8 **ucation stakeholders to develop and implement the plan.**

9 **(3) The plan shall include:**

10 **(a) A process for publicly disclosing annual information on chronic absence rates for each**
11 **school.**

12 **(b) Guidance and best practices for all schools and school districts to use to track,**
13 **monitor and address chronic absences and improve attendance.**

14 **(c) A process for identifying schools in need of support to reduce chronic absences and**
15 **improve attendance.**

16 **(d) A description of technical assistance available to schools identified as being in need**
17 **of support, including technical assistance that will be provided by the department.**

18 **(e) The estimated costs associated with implementing the plan.**

19 **SECTION 2. No later than December 1, 2016, the Department of Education shall submit**
20 **a report to the interim legislative committees related to education. The report shall sum-**
21 **marize the statewide education plan developed by the department under section 1 of this 2016**
22 **Act.**

23 **SECTION 3. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect**
25 **on its passage.**

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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.