

Senate Bill 1545

Sponsored by Senator RILEY; Representatives KENY-GUYER, PARRISH (Pre-session 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**.

Authorizes formation of children's special districts. Authorizes children's special districts to levy property taxes to fund programs that offer children's services. Defines "children's services" as services provided outside of school hours to students in kindergarten through grade 12, including, without limitation, services related to education, civics, culture, arts and music, physical recreation, health and well-being, technology and development of skills.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to children's special districts; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 198.010.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 198.010 is amended to read:

198.010. As used in this chapter, except as otherwise specifically provided, "district" means any one of the following:

(1) A people's utility district organized under ORS chapter 261.

(2) A domestic water supply district organized under ORS chapter 264.

(3) A cemetery maintenance district organized under ORS chapter 265.

(4) A park and recreation district organized under ORS chapter 266.

(5) A mass transit district organized under ORS 267.010 to 267.390.

(6) A metropolitan service district organized under ORS chapter 268.

(7) A special road district organized under ORS 371.305 to 371.360.

(8) A road assessment district organized under ORS 371.405 to 371.535.

(9) A highway lighting district organized under ORS chapter 372.

(10) A health district organized under ORS 440.305 to 440.410.

(11) A sanitary district organized under ORS 450.005 to 450.245.

(12) A sanitary authority, water authority or joint water and sanitary authority organized under ORS 450.600 to 450.989.

(13) A vector control district organized under ORS 452.020 to 452.170.

(14) A rural fire protection district organized under ORS chapter 478.

(15) An irrigation district organized under ORS chapter 545.

(16) A drainage district organized under ORS chapter 547.

(17) A water improvement district organized under ORS chapter 552.

(18) A water control district organized under ORS chapter 553.

(19) A weather modification district organized under ORS 558.200 to 558.440.

(20) A port organized under ORS 777.005 to 777.725 and 777.915 to 777.953.

(21) A geothermal heating district organized under ORS chapter 523.

(22) A transportation district organized under ORS 267.510 to 267.650.

(23) A library district organized under ORS 357.216 to 357.286.

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 (24) A 9-1-1 communications district organized under ORS 403.300 to 403.380.

2 (25) A heritage district organized under ORS 358.442 to 358.474.

3 (26) A radio and data district organized under ORS 403.500 to 403.542.

4 (27) A sand control district organized under ORS 555.500 to 555.535.

5 **(28) A children’s special district organized under sections 2 to 8 of this 2016 Act.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in sections 2 to 8 of this 2016 Act, “children’s services” means**
7 **services provided outside of school hours to students in kindergarten through grade 12 and**
8 **includes, but is not limited to, services related to education, civics, culture, arts and music,**
9 **physical recreation, health and well-being, technology and the development of skills.**

10 **(2) Children’s special districts may be formed to provide funding for programs that offer**
11 **children’s services.**

12 **(3)(a) ORS 198.705 to 198.955 apply to children’s special districts.**

13 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the petition for formation of a**
14 **children’s special district must be signed by not less than 15 percent of the electors or 100**
15 **electors, whichever is greater, registered in the territory subject to the petition.**

16 **SECTION 3. (1)(a) The directors of a children’s special district shall be a district board**
17 **of five members serving four-year terms.**

18 **(b) A district board member must be an elector residing within the children’s special**
19 **district.**

20 **(c) The district board members shall be elected as provided in ORS 198.815 and this sec-**
21 **tion.**

22 **(2) Five district board members shall be elected at the election for district formation and**
23 **shall serve for the following terms:**

24 **(a) If the effective date of the formation of the district occurs in an odd-numbered year,**
25 **two district board members shall be elected for four-year terms and the other three district**
26 **board members shall be elected for two-year terms.**

27 **(b) If the effective date of the formation of the district occurs in an even-numbered year,**
28 **two district board members shall be elected for three-year terms and the other three district**
29 **board members shall be elected for one-year terms.**

30 **(3) Each district board member shall hold office until election and qualification of a suc-**
31 **cessor.**

32 **SECTION 4. (1) The district board shall be the governing body of a children’s special**
33 **district and shall exercise all powers of the district.**

34 **(2) At the first meeting of the district board, or as soon as practicable, the board shall**
35 **choose one of the members of the board as president.**

36 **SECTION 5. A children’s special district has the power:**

37 **(1) To have and use a common seal.**

38 **(2) To sue and be sued in the name of the district.**

39 **(3) To make and accept any and all contracts, deeds, leases, releases and documents of**
40 **any kind that, in the judgment of the district board, are necessary and proper to the exercise**
41 **of any power of the district, and to direct the payment of all lawful claims or demands.**

42 **(4) To assess, levy and collect taxes to pay the cost of children’s services within the**
43 **boundaries of the district, any lawful claims against the district and the operating expenses**
44 **of the district.**

45 **(5) To employ all necessary agents and assistants.**

