

HB 2812 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-2-0

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Exc: 2 - Lininger, Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Education to establish School Safety Multidisciplinary Assessment Team System to assist school personnel in addressing situations concerning students engaged in violence, posing a threat of violence or exhibiting suicidal behavior. Requires system to offer training and technical assistance, assist school districts in establishing teams and provide other support. Adds representative from Oregon Health Authority who has specialty in suicide intervention and prevention as member of Task Force on School Safety. Requires Task Force to submit reports to interim committee on judiciary no later than September 1, 2017 and September 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Task Force on School Safety
- Multidisciplinary teams to assess and address student threats

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education published a joint guide on threat assessment in schools. According to the guide, the goal of threat assessments is to prevent targeted violence. The process analyzes facts and evidence of a student's behavior, focusing on actions, communications and specific circumstances that may or may not suggest that an individual is planning an attack.