

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3029

Ordered by the House April 14
Including House Amendments dated April 14

Sponsored by Representative HAYDEN

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.

[Increases compulsory school age from six to seven years of age.]

Allows parent or legal guardian of child whose sixth birthday occurred on or before September 1 immediately preceding beginning of current school year to delay enrolling child in public full-time school for one year for purpose of better meeting child's needs for cognitive, social or physical development.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to compulsory school attendance; amending ORS 339.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.030 is amended to read:

5 339.030. (1) In the following cases, children may not be required to attend public full-time
6 schools:

7 (a) Children being taught in a private or parochial school in the courses of study usually taught
8 in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools and in attendance for a period equivalent to
9 that required of children attending public schools in the 1994-1995 school year.

10 (b) Children proving to the satisfaction of the district school board that they have acquired
11 equivalent knowledge to that acquired in the courses of study taught in kindergarten through grade
12 12 in the public schools.

13 (c) Children who have received a high school diploma.

14 (d) Children being taught for a period equivalent to that required of children attending public
15 schools by a private teacher the courses of study usually taught in kindergarten through grade 12
16 in the public school.

17 (e) Children being educated in the children's home by a parent or legal guardian.

18 **(f) Children whose sixth birthday occurred on or before September 1 immediately pre-**
19 **ceding the beginning of the current school year if the parent or legal guardian of the child**
20 **notified in writing the school district of which the child is a resident that the parent or legal**
21 **guardian will delay enrolling the child in a public full-time school for only one school year**
22 **for the purpose of better meeting the child's needs for cognitive, social or physical develop-**
23 **ment, as determined by the parent or legal guardian.**

24 *[(f)]* (g) Children excluded from attendance as provided by law.

25 (2) The State Board of Education and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by rule
26 shall establish procedures whereby, on a semiannual basis, an exemption from compulsory attend-

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 ance may be granted to the parent or legal guardian of any child 16 or 17 years of age who is
2 lawfully employed full-time or who is lawfully employed part-time and enrolled in school, a commu-
3 nity college or an alternative education program as defined in ORS 336.615. An exemption also may
4 be granted to any child who is an emancipated minor or who has initiated the procedure for
5 emancipation under ORS 419B.550 to 419B.558.

6 **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
8 **July 1, 2017.**

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