

# House Bill 3358

Sponsored by Representatives KOTEK, WHISNANT

## 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 convene advisory group related to English language learner programs.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to an English language learner advisory group; 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 convene an advisory group to advise**  
5 **the department regarding English language learner programs.**

6 **(2) The advisory group must consist of nine members, including educators, parents,**  
7 **culturally-specific community stakeholders, experts on English language learner policy and**  
8 **experts in collecting and analyzing data. The department shall solicit recommendations for**  
9 **membership from organizations that represent educators, administrators, school district**  
10 **boards and parents when determining membership of the advisory group.**

11 **(3) The advisory group shall:**

12 **(a) Ensure that the implementation of ORS 327.016 and 336.079 align with statewide ef-**  
13 **forts related to English language learners and with other efforts to serve the public school**  
14 **students of this state.**

15 **(b) Establish and regularly review a long-term accountability plan for school districts to**  
16 **meet the educational needs of English language learners.**

17 **(c) Develop and regularly review recommendations for best practices on the following:**

18 **(A) Providing ongoing support to students of a school district who no longer are eligible**  
19 **for or enrolled in an English language learner program under ORS 336.079.**

20 **(B) Engaging parents and delivering essential notifications related to English language**  
21 **learner programs.**

22 **(C) Identifying students who are eligible to be enrolled in an English language learner**  
23 **program, including any identification methods that can occur before a student enrolls in**  
24 **kindergarten.**

25 **(D) Providing accommodations for assessments for English language learners.**

26 **(E) Assessing English language learners, which may allow for a list of assessments to**  
27 **be approved by the department.**

28 **(F) Acquiring student library books in languages other than English.**

29 **(G) Providing support to students who have been identified as long-term English language**  
30 **learners.**

31 **(4) The advisory group shall meet at least six times each year.**

**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        **SECTION 2.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
2        peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect  
3        on its passage.

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