

Senate Bill 204

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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 establish pilot program to certify schools, school districts and educators that exemplify culturally responsive practices and competencies.

Requires every school district, public school and public educator to be certified in culturally responsive practices and competencies.

Directs department to collaborate with Teaching with Purpose Consortium for purpose of reviewing policies and practices of educational state agencies to ensure that educators are providing instruction that is culturally responsive and culturally relevant.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to teaching with purpose; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall establish a pilot program for the 2017-2018 school year to certify school districts, schools and educators that exemplify culturally responsive practices and competencies.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on June 30, 2018.

SECTION 3. (1) Every school district, public school and public educator in this state must be certified in culturally responsive practices and competencies.

(2) The Department of Education shall collaborate with a consortium of education stakeholders known as the Teaching with Purpose Consortium for the purposes of:

(a) Establishing the certification requirements; and

(b) Reviewing the policies and practices of educational state agencies to ensure that educators in this state provide instruction that is culturally responsive and culturally relevant.

SECTION 4. The certification requirements of section 3 of this 2017 Act first apply to the 2018-2019 school year.

SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be expended for the purposes of sections 1 and 3 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.