

Requested by Representative LIVELY

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2956**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “amending” insert “ORS 417.827  
2 and”.

3 Delete lines 26 through 29 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 2. The Early Learning Council shall submit a report to**  
5 **the interim legislative committees on education and early learning no**  
6 **later than March 15, 2018. The report shall provide a summary of the**  
7 **progress made by the council in conducting the evaluation described**  
8 **in section 2, chapter 773, Oregon Laws 2015.”**

9 After line 29, insert:

10 **“SECTION 3. ORS 417.827 is amended to read:**

11 **“417.827. (1) As used in this section and section 2, chapter 773, Oregon**  
12 **Laws 2015:**

13 **“(a) ‘Early Learning Hub’ means any entity designated by regional part-**  
14 **ners to coordinate early learning services, as determined by rules adopted**  
15 **by the Early Learning Council.**

16 **“(b) ‘Regional partners’ includes counties, cities, school districts, educa-**  
17 **tion service districts, community colleges, public universities, private edu-**  
18 **cational institutions, faith-based organizations, nonprofit service providers**  
19 **and tribes.**

20 **“(2) The council shall implement and oversee a system that coordinates**  
21 **the delivery of early learning services to the communities of this state**

1 through the direction of Early Learning Hubs. The system may not include  
2 more than 16 Early Learning Hubs.

3 “(3) The system implemented and overseen by the council must ensure  
4 that:

5 “(a) Providers of early learning services are accountable for outcomes;

6 “(b) Services are provided in a cost-efficient manner; and

7 “(c) The services provided, and the means by which those services are  
8 provided, are focused on the outcomes of the services.

9 “(4) The council shall develop and implement a process for requesting  
10 proposals from entities to become Early Learning Hubs. Proposals submitted  
11 under this subsection must comply with criteria and requirements adopted  
12 by the council by rule, including:

13 “(a) The entity will be able to coordinate the provision of early learning  
14 services to the community that will be served by the entity. An entity may  
15 meet the requirement of this paragraph by submitting evidence that local  
16 stakeholders, including but not limited to service providers, parents, com-  
17 munity members, county governments, local governments and school dis-  
18 tricts, have participated in the development of the proposal and will  
19 maintain a meaningful role in the Early Learning Hub.

20 “(b) The services coordinated by the entity will be in alignment with the  
21 services provided by the public schools of the community that will be served  
22 by the entity.

23 “(c) The entity will be in alignment with, and make advantageous use of,  
24 the system of public health care and services available through local health  
25 departments and other publicly supported programs delivered through, or in  
26 partnership with, counties and coordinated care organizations.

27 “(d) The entity will be able to integrate efforts among education provid-  
28 ers, providers of health care, providers of human services and providers of  
29 other programs and services in the community.

30 “(e) The entity will use coordinated and transparent budgeting.

1 “(f) The entity will operate in a fiscally sound manner.

2 “(g) The entity must have a governing body or community advisory body  
3 that:

4 “(A) Has the authority to initiate audits, recommend the terms of a con-  
5 tract and provide reports to the public and to the council on the outcomes  
6 of the provision of early learning services to the community served by the  
7 entity.

8 “(B) Has members selected through a transparent process and includes  
9 both public and private entities, locally based parents and service recipients,  
10 human social service providers, child care providers, health care providers  
11 and representatives of local governments from the service area.

12 “(h) The entity will collaborate on documentation related to coordinated  
13 services with public and private entities that are identified by the council  
14 as providers of services that advance the early learning of children.

15 “(i) The entity will serve a community that is based on the population  
16 and service needs of the community and will demonstrate the ability to im-  
17 prove results for at-risk children, including the ability to identify, evaluate  
18 and implement coordinated strategies to ensure that a child is ready to suc-  
19 ceed in school.

20 “(j) The entity will be able to raise and leverage significant funds from  
21 public and private sources and to secure in-kind support to support early  
22 learning services coordinated by the entity and operate in a fiscally sound  
23 manner.

24 “(k) The entity meets any other qualifications established by the council.

25 “(5) The council may adopt by rule requirements that are in addition to  
26 the requirements described in subsections (3) and (4) of this section that an  
27 entity must meet to qualify as an Early Learning Hub. When developing the  
28 additional requirements, the council must use a statewide public process of  
29 community engagement that is consistent with the requirements of the fed-  
30 eral Head Start Act.

1 “(6) When determining whether to designate an entity as an Early  
2 Learning Hub, the council shall balance the following factors:

3 “(a) The entity’s ability to engage the community and be involved in the  
4 community.

5 “(b) The entity’s ability to produce outcomes that benefit children.

6 “(c) The entity’s resourcefulness.

7 “(d) The entity’s use, or proposed use, of evidence-based practices.

8 “(7) The council shall develop metrics for the purpose of providing fund-  
9 ing to Early Learning Hubs designated under this section. The metrics must:

10 “(a) Focus on community readiness, high capacity development and  
11 progress toward tracking child outcomes;

12 “(b) Establish a baseline of information for the area to be served by the  
13 Early Learning Hub, including information about the inclusion of community  
14 partners in the governance structure of the Early Learning Hub, the avail-  
15 ability of data on local programs and outcomes and the success in leveraging  
16 private, nonprofit and other governmental resources for early learning; and

17 “(c) Include child performance metrics.

18 “(8) The council may require that, as a condition of receiving funding as  
19 a designated Early Learning Hub under this section, the Early Learning Hub  
20 provide matching funding. The percentage of matching funding shall be de-  
21 termined by the council and may vary for each fiscal year. Any moneys re-  
22 ceived by an Early Learning Hub are subject to the restrictions of this  
23 section.

24 “(9) For any community in this state that is not served by an Early  
25 Learning Hub, the council shall oversee and administer the delivery of early  
26 learning services for that community and, to the extent practicable, shall  
27 regionalize service administration.

28 “(10) The council may alter the lines of the territory served by an Early  
29 Learning Hub only to ensure that all children of this state are served by an  
30 Early Learning Hub.

1       “(11) An entity designated as part of an Early Learning Hub may not use  
2 more than 15 percent of the moneys received by the entity from the council  
3 to pay administrative costs of the entity.

4       “(12) The Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority  
5 may not transfer any authority for determining eligibility for a state or  
6 federal program to an Early Learning Hub.

7       “[(13) *The council shall report annually on or before September 15 to the*  
8 *interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction*  
9 *of education and early learning regarding the implementation and status of*  
10 *Early Learning Hubs under this section.*].”

11       In line 30, delete “3” and insert “4”.

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