

SB 1520 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/14/18

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Finance and Revenue. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Bentz, Gelser, Hass, Linthicum, Roblan, Thomsen

Nays: 1 - Dembrow

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Implements technical fixes in ten areas of state law. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1. expands 90-day grace period for employment to all licensees who are licensed by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Allows TSPC to adopt the same expedited process for issuance of licenses as was in place prior to passage of Senate Bill 205 (2017);
2. removes moot references to institutions of higher education in public charter school law;
3. consolidates reporting requirements for Higher Education Coordinating Commission based on recommendations of work group resulting from Senate Bill 113 (2015);
4. clarifies school district obligations related to offering of half-day kindergarten;
5. provides that Network of Quality Teaching and Learning is established within Chief Education Office;
6. extends by two years sunset on provisions that allow individuals who are foreign exchange students and who are residing in Oregon in dormitory operated by school district to be considered residents of school district in which dormitory is located;
7. extends by three years the time by which educator preparation programs must comply with certain national organization accreditation requirements;
8. provides that moneys in National Board Certification Fund may be distributed only to persons who are licensed by TSPC and who are employed with public educational program;
9. removes sunset on provision that virtual public charter schools may contract with for-profit entity to provide educational services if employee is administrator and meets other requirements; and
10. clarifies requirements for Oregon Department of Education mentoring grants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for technical fixes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes provisions relating to school lunch program reimbursements.

BACKGROUND:

Technical changes requested by a number of agencies and stakeholder groups are included in the bill.