

SB 1522 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Returns language in ORS 339.115 to status prior to passage of Senate Bill 20 (2017), requiring districts to admit students who have already received a modified diploma. Makes modified diploma recipients in Youth Corrections Educational Program eligible for transition services. Allows modified diploma recipients to be eligible for the Expanded Options Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Passage of Senate Bill 20 (2017) changed requirements that school districts admit students who had already received modified diplomas, resulting in students not being able to receive transition services. SB 20 amended ORS 327.026(2) to include youth in the Youth Corrections Programs (YCEP) receiving modified diplomas to not be eligible for State School Fund moneys. SB 1522-A reverses these changes.

The Expanded Options Program was created under Senate Bill 300 (2005) to provide students with options to continue or complete their education. SB 1522-A makes modified diploma recipients eligible for this transition service.

Senate Bill 1522-A makes modified diploma recipients in YCEP eligible for services, which allows YCEP to collect funding for students receiving modified diplomas. It allows students who received a modified diploma and returned to school for services to be eligible for participation in the Expanded Options Program. It returns language in ORS 339.115 to the status prior to passage of Senate Bill 20 (2017).