

HB 4067 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Keny-Guyer, Rep. Hayden

House Committee On Early Childhood and Family Supports

Action Date: 02/13/18

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Boles, Bonham, Bynum, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Malstrom, Piluso, Smith DB

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds developmental delays to the list of conditions eligible for special education services for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Establishes effective date of July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Criteria for eligibility for services in preschool and K-12
- Experiences of students
- Number of additional students receiving services under the bill
- Cost to schools

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Deletes "developmental delay, if the child is under 10 years of age" and replaces it with "developmental delay, if the child is in third grade or lower." Delays the effective date by one year to July 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, children from birth through the age of kindergarten eligibility can receive early intervention services because of a developmental delay (ORS 343.035(14)). A developmental delay is a delay in cognitive, physical, communications, social, emotional, or adaptive development or a disability that can be expected to continue indefinitely and is likely to cause a substantial delay in a child's development and ability to function independently in society (ORS 343.035(4)).

Currently, schools must provide special education services to school-age children (kindergarten through grade 12) who have one of the following conditions:

- intellectual disability;
- hearing, speech, language, or visual impairment;
- deaf-blindness;
- emotional disturbance;
- orthopedic or other health impairment;
- autism;
- traumatic brain injury; or
- special learning disabilities.

HB 4067-A adds developmental delays to the list of conditions eligible for special education services, for school-age children in kindergarten through 3rd grade.