

SB 1522 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sollman

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/26/18

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Doherty, Hernandez, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Whisnant, Wilson

Exc: 2 - Evans, Sprenger

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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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 Education Program eligible for transition services. Allows modified diploma recipients to be eligible for the Expanded Options Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intended effect of Senate Bill 20 (2017) and need for SB 1522-A in adding modified diplomas
- Purpose of federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and impact on modified diploma recipients

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 make youth in the Youth Corrections Education Program (YCEP) receiving modified diplomas ineligible for services and State School Fund moneys. Senate Bill 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.