House Bill 4047

Sponsored by Representatives BYNUM, VIAL (Preession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits education service districts from imposing high school diploma requirements that are in addition to requirements established by state law if child is enrolled in educational program under Juvenile Detention Education Program or Youth Corrections Education Program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to high school diploma requirements; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.585 and 336.590.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 336.585 is amended to read:

336.585. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Juvenile Detention Education Program” means the program defined in ORS 326.695.

(b) “Resident district” means the school district in which the parents or legal guardian, if any, of a child resided at the time of the child’s enrollment in the Juvenile Detention Education Program. If the child has no parents or legal guardian, or none can be located, the resident district is the school district in which the child is physically located.

(2) (a) The Department of Education shall provide or cause to be provided appropriate education for children enrolled in an educational program under the Juvenile Detention Education Program. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may contract with a school district or education service district to provide or cause to be provided appropriate education to children enrolled in an educational program under the Juvenile Detention Education Program.

(b) An education service district that provides education as provided by this subsection and that awards high school diplomas:

(A) May not impose requirements for a high school diploma that are in addition to the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of the State Board of Education; and

(B) Must accept any credits previously earned by children in another school or educational program in this state and apply those credits toward the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of the State Board of Education.

(3) The superintendent shall pay the costs of providing education to children enrolled in an educational program under the Juvenile Detention Education Program from the State School Fund grant allocated for that purpose under ORS 327.026.

(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule standards to be applied to the operation of the Juvenile Detention Education Program, including standards that allow a school district or an education service district under contract with the superintendent to:

(a) Implement an assessment system as provided by ORS 329.485 (3).

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.
(b) Administer a nationally normed assessment as provided by ORS 329.488.
(c) Participate in the beginning teacher and administrator mentorship program established by ORS 329.788 to 329.820.
(d) Receive funds under ORS chapter 329.
(5) The superintendent shall ensure that the resident district of each child enrolled in an educational program under the Juvenile Detention Education Program is notified, if the resident district can be reasonably identified. The purposes of the notification include, but are not limited to:
(a) Removing the child from the resident district's census;
(b) Facilitating transfers of the child's educational records; and
(c) Facilitating planning for the child's possible return to the resident district.

SECTION 2. ORS 336.590 is amended to read:
336.590. (1) As used in this section, “Youth Corrections Education Program” means the program defined in ORS 326.695.
(2) The Department of Education shall provide or cause to be provided appropriate education for children enrolled in an educational program under the Youth Corrections Education Program. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may contract with a school district or education service district to provide or cause to be provided appropriate education to children enrolled in an educational program under the Youth Corrections Education Program.
(3) The superintendent shall pay the costs of providing education to children enrolled in an educational program under the Youth Corrections Education Program from the State School Fund grant allocated for that purpose under ORS 327.026.
(4) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule standards to be applied to the operation of the Youth Corrections Education Program, including standards that allow a school district or an education service district under contract with the superintendent to:
(a) Award high school diplomas, modified diplomas, extended diplomas and alternative certificates as provided by ORS 329.451 and 339.877. An education service district that awards high school diplomas as provided by this paragraph:
(A) May not impose requirements for a high school diploma that are in addition to the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of the State Board of Education; and
(B) Must accept any credits previously earned by children in another school or educational program in this state and apply those credits toward the requirements prescribed by ORS 329.451 (2)(a) or by rule of the State Board of Education.
(b) Implement an assessment system as provided by ORS 329.485 (3).
(c) Administer a nationally normed assessment as provided by ORS 329.488.
(d) Participate in the beginning teacher and administrator mentorship program established by ORS 329.788 to 329.820.
(e) Receive funds under ORS chapter 329.

SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 336.585 and 336.590 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2018 Act apply to high school diplomas awarded on or after the effective date of this 2018 Act.