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## SUMMARY

Directs Early Learning Division to conduct study on use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs and to report results of study to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education. Sunsets December 31, 2021.

Specifies that Early Learning Account moneys may be used for training educators to respond to children exhibiting mental or behavioral health challenges.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to discipline used in early learning; creating new provisions; amending ORS 327.274; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall conduct a study on the use of suspension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs and shall produce a report on the results of the study. The report must include:**

**(a) The entities studied, which must include, at a minimum, certified child care facilities, registered child care facilities and preschool recorded programs;**

**(b) The definitions of the terms “suspension” and “expulsion” used for the purpose of the study;**

**(c) The data collection methodology used for the study;**

**(d) The data dissemination methodology used for the study;**

**(e) Reporting requirements for the study; and**

**(f) Any recommendations for legislation related to the use of sus-**

1 **pension and expulsion in early childhood care and education programs.**

2 **(2) The department shall report the results of the study to an in-**  
3 **terim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no**  
4 **later than September 1, 2021.**

5 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,**  
6 **2021.**

7 **SECTION 3. ORS 327.274 is amended to read:**

8 327.274. (1) The Department of Education and the Early Learning Division  
9 shall use moneys in the Early Learning Account to provide funding for early  
10 learning programs in a manner consistent with a statewide early learning  
11 system plan overseen by the Early Learning Council. Early learning pro-  
12 grams that may receive moneys from the Early Learning Account include:

13 (a) Early childhood special education or early intervention services, as  
14 provided by ORS 343.475;

15 (b) Relief nurseries;

16 (c) Programs funded by the Early Childhood Equity Fund;

17 (d) The Oregon prekindergarten program and other public preschool pro-  
18 grams established under ORS 329.170 to 329.200, by increasing:

19 (A) The total number of spaces for children served by the programs; or

20 (B) Existing spaces for full-day programs from half-day programs;

21 (e) Professional development for early childhood educators, **including**  
22 **training to respond to children exhibiting mental or behavioral health**  
23 **challenges;** and

24 (f) Early Head Start programs.

25 (2) In addition to the uses identified in subsection (1) of this section,  
26 moneys in the Early Learning Account may be used for staffing needs of the  
27 Early Learning Division for the purpose of implementing this section.

28 (3) The State Board of Education and the Early Learning Council shall  
29 adopt rules necessary for the distribution of moneys under this section.

30 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
31 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**

1 **clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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