

HB 3032 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Student Success by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman

Exc: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school official notify parents or legal guardians if school official has confirmed student was subjected to act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Requires notification take place within reasonable period, or requires immediate notification if acts cause physical harm. Modifies requirement that school district policy include statement by which school district responds after act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying to those reported, investigated, and if applicable confirmed acts. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Long-term impact of bullying and harassment on students
- Intent to prevent systematic bullying and positively impact students' mental health
- Interest in amending legislation further in Joint Committee on Student Success

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes certain provisions related to notification of results. Changes requirement for notification to be necessary if considered applicable.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 339.356 requires school districts to adopt policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying. The policy must include: (1) a statement from the school district prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying and prohibiting cyberbullying; (2) a statement of the scope of the policy; (3) a description of expected behavior from students; (4) uniform procedures for reporting inappropriate acts, and (5) other items as identified.