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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.

Changes name of Oregon Virtual School District to [*Oregon Online*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy**. Expands purposes of [*Oregon Online*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy** to require provision of professional development related to online learning.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Oregon Virtual School District; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.851
3 and 336.856.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.851 is amended to read:

6 336.851. (1) [*There is created the Oregon Virtual School District*] **The Oregon Digital Learning**
7 **Academy is created** within the Department of Education. [*The purpose of the Oregon Virtual School*
8 *District is to provide*] **The purposes of the Oregon Digital Learning Academy are to provide:**

9 (a) Online courses to kindergarten through grade 12 public school students; and

10 (b) **Professional development related to online learning to kindergarten through grade 12**
11 **public school teachers.**

12 (2)(a) The [*Oregon Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy** shall provide
13 online courses **to students** that meet academic content standards as defined in ORS 329.007 and
14 **that** meet other criteria adopted by the State Board of Education. Any person who teaches an on-
15 line course **to students** must be properly licensed as required by ORS 342.173 for a person employed
16 by a school district or education service district or properly registered as required by ORS 338.135
17 for a person employed by a public charter school. All school districts and public charter schools
18 may allow students to access the online courses offered [*by the Oregon Virtual School District*] **to**
19 **students by the Oregon Digital Learning Academy.**

20 (b) **The Oregon Digital Learning Academy shall provide professional development to sup-**
21 **port school districts that provide online learning, including professional development that**
22 **will help school districts to identify and support students who would benefit from online**
23 **learning opportunities.**

24 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may contract with:

25 (a) Education service districts, school districts, public charter schools, community colleges,
26 public universities listed in ORS 352.002 or any other public entity to provide online courses
27 [*through the Oregon Virtual School District*] **to students through the Oregon Digital Learning**

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.

1 **Academy.**

2 **(b) Any public or private entity to provide professional development through the Oregon**
3 **Digital Learning Academy.**

4 (4) Statutes and rules that apply to other school districts do not apply to the [*Oregon Virtual*
5 *School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy** except as provided under this section or by
6 rule of the State Board of Education. The [*Oregon Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning**
7 **Academy** is not considered a school district for purposes of apportionment of the State School Fund
8 and the department may not receive a direct apportionment under ORS 327.008 from the State
9 School Fund for the [*Oregon Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy.**

10 (5) The board may adopt the rules necessary for the administration of the [*Oregon Virtual School*
11 *District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy** and shall adopt rules to establish:

12 (a) The procedure and criteria to be used for the selection of online courses to be offered
13 [*through the Oregon Virtual School District*] **to students through the Oregon Digital Learning**
14 **Academy;**

15 (b) The qualifications of students who may access online courses through the [*Oregon Virtual*
16 *School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy;**

17 (c) The number of credits for which students may access online courses through the [*Oregon*
18 *Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy;** and

19 (d) The student-to-teacher ratio for online courses offered through the [*Oregon Virtual School*
20 *District*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy.**

21 **SECTION 2.** ORS 336.856 is amended to read:

22 336.856. (1) The [*Oregon Virtual School District Fund*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy**
23 **Fund** is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest
24 earned by the [*Oregon Virtual School District Fund*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy Fund** shall
25 be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department
26 of Education for the administration of the [*Oregon Virtual School District*] **Oregon Digital Learning**
27 **Academy** created under ORS 336.851.

28 (2) Any moneys received by the department (for the purpose of the [*Oregon Virtual School Dis-*
29 *trict*] **Oregon Digital Learning Academy** shall be deposited in the fund.

30 **SECTION 3.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 336.851 by section 1 of this 2019 Act are intended**
31 **to change the name of the “Oregon Virtual School District” to the “Oregon Digital Learning**
32 **Academy.”**

33 **(2) For the purpose of harmonizing and clarifying statutory law, the Legislative Counsel**
34 **may substitute for words designating the “Oregon Virtual School District,” wherever they**
35 **occur in statutory law, other words designating the “Oregon Digital Learning Academy.”**