**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.

Changes name of Oregon Virtual School District to Oregon Online. Expands purposes of Oregon Online to require provision of professional development related to online learning.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

336.851. (1) [There is created the Oregon Virtual School District] Oregon Online is created within the Department of Education. [The purpose of the Oregon Virtual School District is to provide] The purposes of Oregon Online are to provide:

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

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

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

(b) Oregon Online shall provide professional development to support school districts that provide online learning, including professional development that will help school districts to identify and support students who would benefit from online learning opportunities.

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

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

(b) Any public or private entity to provide professional development through Oregon Online.

(4) Statutes and rules that apply to other school districts do not apply to [the Oregon Virtual School District] Oregon Online except as provided under this section or by rule of the State Board of Education. [The Oregon Virtual School District] Oregon Online is not considered a school district

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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.
for purposes of apportionment of the State School Fund and the department may not receive a direct
apportionment under ORS 327.008 from the State School Fund for [the Oregon Virtual School
District] Oregon Online.

(5) The board may adopt the rules necessary for the administration of [the Oregon Virtual School
District] Oregon Online and shall adopt rules to establish:
   (a) The procedure and criteria to be used for the selection of online courses to be offered
   [through the Oregon Virtual School District] to students through Oregon Online;
   (b) The qualifications of students who may access online courses through [the Oregon Virtual
   School District] Oregon Online;
   (c) The number of credits for which students may access online courses through [the Oregon
   Virtual School District] Oregon Online; and
   (d) The student-to-teacher ratio for online courses offered through [the Oregon Virtual School
   District] Oregon Online.

SECTION 2. ORS 336.856 is amended to read:

336.856. (1) The [Oregon Virtual School District Fund] Oregon Online Fund is established in the
State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the [Oregon Virtual
School District Fund] Oregon Online Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund
are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the administration of [the Oregon

(2) Any moneys received by the department for the purpose of [the Oregon Virtual School
District] Oregon Online shall be deposited in the fund.

SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 336.851 by section 1 of this 2019 Act are intended
to change the name of the “Oregon Virtual School District” to “Oregon Online.”

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