

House Bill 2022

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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 **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

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*] **Oregon Online is created**
7 within the Department of Education. [*The purpose of the Oregon Virtual School District is to*
8 *provide*] **The purposes of Oregon Online 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 Online** shall provide online courses **to stu-**
13 **dents** that meet academic content standards as defined in ORS 329.007 and **that** meet other criteria
14 adopted by the State Board of Education. Any person who teaches an online course **to students**
15 must be properly licensed as required by ORS 342.173 for a person employed by a school district or
16 education service district or properly registered as required by ORS 338.135 for a person employed
17 by a public charter school. All school districts and public charter schools may allow students to
18 access the online courses offered [*by the Oregon Virtual School District*] **to students by Oregon**
19 **Online.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (5) The board may adopt the rules necessary for the administration of [*the Oregon Virtual School*
5 *District*] **Oregon Online** and shall adopt rules to establish:

6 (a) The procedure and criteria to be used for the selection of online courses to be offered
7 [*through the Oregon Virtual School District*] **to students through Oregon Online**;

8 (b) The qualifications of students who may access online courses through [*the Oregon Virtual*
9 *School District*] **Oregon Online**;

10 (c) The number of credits for which students may access online courses through [*the Oregon*
11 *Virtual School District*] **Oregon Online**; and

12 (d) The student-to-teacher ratio for online courses offered through [*the Oregon Virtual School*
13 *District*] **Oregon Online**.

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

15 336.856. (1) The [*Oregon Virtual School District Fund*] **Oregon Online Fund** is established in the
16 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the [*Oregon Virtual*
17 *School District Fund*] **Oregon Online Fund** shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund
18 are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education for the administration of [*the Oregon*
19 *Virtual School District*] **Oregon Online** created under ORS 336.851.

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

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

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

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