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House Bill 2558

Ordered by the House April 9
Including House Amendments dated April 9

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative SCHOUTEN (Presession filed.)

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.

[Directs Department of Education to conduct study regarding impacts of major seismic event on children, including identifying methods for preparing schools and communities to meet needs of children following major seismic event.]

Establishes Task Force on Seismic Event Preparation. Directs task force to conduct study regarding impacts of major seismic event on children and to identify methods for preparing schools and communities to meet needs of children following major seismic event. Directs task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020. Sunsets task force December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to seismic event preparation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Seismic Event Preparation is established.
(2) The task force consists of nine members appointed as follows:
(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.
(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.
(c) The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:
(A) One member who represents the Office of Emergency Management;
(B) One member who manages emergencies for a school district;
(C) One member who represents the Department of Education;
(D) One member who represents the Early Learning Division;
(E) One member who represents the Department of Human Services for child welfare services;
(F) One member who is a mental health provider; and
(G) One member who is the Governor's Public Safety Policy Advisor.
(3) The task force shall conduct a study regarding the impacts of a major seismic event on children. As part of the study, the task force shall identify methods for preparing schools and communities to meet the needs of children following a major seismic event.
(4) When conducting the study described in subsection (3) of this section, the task force shall consult with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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.

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(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(11) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.

(12) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force.

(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.