

House Bill 2940

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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**.

Establishes pilot program for purpose of increasing number of public school students who are served by school social workers.

Sunsets pilot program on June 30, 2024.

Appropriates moneys for pilot program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school social workers; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall administer a pilot program to increase the number of public school students served by school social workers.

(2) Under the pilot program, the department shall distribute moneys to school districts to:

(a) Hire new school social workers;

(b) Increase the working hours of existing school social workers; or

(c) Enable existing personnel to earn a license as a school social worker and become employed by the school district as a school social worker.

(3) A school district may participate in the pilot program if the school district submits an application demonstrating how the school district will use grant moneys to increase the number of students who are served by a school social worker as described in subsection (2) of this section.

(4)(a) A school district that participates in the pilot program must annually submit information to the department about how the increase in school social workers affected:

(A) Student attendance rates;

(B) Reported incidences of acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying or acts of cyberbullying, as defined in ORS 339.351;

(C) The morale of students and teachers; and

(D) Any other elements of the school system, including students or families.

(b) The department shall submit an annual report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than October 15 of each year. The report must summarize the information received under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(5) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of the pilot program.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the

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 **General Fund, the amount of \$20,000,000, which must be expended for the pilot program de-**
2 **scribed in section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

3 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
5 **July 1, 2019.**

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