

House Bill 3352

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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**.

Directs Department of Education to prepare and make available statement that discloses potential health risks of wireless network technology. Requires department to adopt by rule guidelines for including in school curricula, assemblies, open houses, meetings between parents and teachers and related settings information concerning hazards of exposure to microwave radiation and radio frequency radiation and how to safely use wireless devices.

Requires department and Oregon Health Authority to conduct study on effects of exposure to microwave radiation and radio frequency radiation, particularly exposure that results from use of wireless network technologies, on development and health of students in schools of this state, to develop recommendations to schools in this state for practices and alternative technologies that would reduce students' exposure to harmful microwave radiation and radio frequency radiation and report results of study and recommendations to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to education not later than September 15, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to exposure to radiation in schools in this state; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall:**

5 (a) **Prepare a statement that discloses the potential health risks of wireless network**
6 **technology; and**

7 (b) **Make the statement described in this paragraph available for distribution by public**
8 **and private elementary and secondary schools of this state.**

9 (2) **The department by rule shall offer guidance for including in school curricula, assem-**
10 **blies, open houses, meetings between parents and teachers and related settings information**
11 **about the hazards of exposure to microwave radiation and radio frequency radiation and how**
12 **to safely use wireless devices.**

13 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Oregon Health**
14 **Authority, shall:**

15 (a) **Conduct a study on the effects of exposure to microwave radiation and radio fre-**
16 **quency radiation, particularly exposure that results from the use of wireless network tech-**
17 **nologies, on the development and health of students in the schools in this state;**

18 (b) **Develop recommendations to schools in this state for practices and alternative tech-**
19 **nologies that would reduce students' exposure to microwave radiation and radio frequency**
20 **radiation that the study identifies as harmful; and**

21 (c) **Report the results of the study and the recommendations the department develops**
22 **under this paragraph to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to educa-**
23 **tion not later than September 15, 2020.**

24 (2) **The study described in subsection (1) of this section must, at a minimum, consist of**

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 a literature review of independently funded scientific studies that examine the effects of ex-
2 posure to microwave radiation and radio frequency radiation on children's health.

3 **SECTION 3.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2019 Act become operative on January 1, 2020.

4 (2) The Department of Education may adopt rules and take any other action before the
5 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the de-
6 partment, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, to ex-
7 ercise all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department by sections 1 and
8 2 of this 2019 Act.

9 **SECTION 4.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
11 on its passage.

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