

Senate Bill 282

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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**.

Requires Department of Education, in cooperation with Oregon Health Authority, to conduct study to determine and recommend appropriate health standards to govern student use of computers, mobile digital devices and other electronic media in classrooms.

Requires department by rule to adopt guidelines for limiting student use of computers, mobile digital devices and other electronic media in classrooms in accordance with health and safety guidelines department develops, allowing parent to give or deny consent for parent's child to participate in curricula that involve extensive work with computers, mobile digital devices or electronic media and offering parent alternative curricula that involve less exposure to computers, mobile digital devices or electronic media.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to use of electronic devices in classrooms; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Oregon Health**
5 **Authority, shall conduct a study to determine and recommend appropriate health standards**
6 **to govern student use of computers, mobile digital devices and other electronic media in the**
7 **classroom. The study, at a minimum, must involve a review of relevant medical and other**
8 **literature that examines the effects on children of excessive use of computers, mobile digital**
9 **devices and other electronic media.**

10 **(2) The department shall adopt by rule appropriate guidelines for:**

11 **(a) Limiting student use of computers, mobile digital devices and other electronic media**
12 **in the classroom in accordance with health and safety guidelines the department develops**
13 **following the study described in subsection (1) of this section. In adopting the rules, the de-**
14 **partment shall consider guidelines and recommendations from reputable medical sources,**
15 **such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, and shall take into account a child's overall**
16 **use of computers, mobile digital devices and other electronic media throughout the day and**
17 **not only in the classroom.**

18 **(b) Allowing a parent to give or deny consent for the parent's child to participate in**
19 **curricula that involve extensive work with computers, mobile digital devices or electronic**
20 **media and offering the parent alternative curricula that involve less exposure to computers,**
21 **mobile digital devices or electronic media.**

22 **(c) Encouraging more physical activity during the school day outside the classroom.**

23 **(3) The department shall develop materials to inform parents of the hazards of excessive**
24 **use of computers, mobile digital devices and electronic media and shall make the materials**
25 **available to schools, school employees and parents of students in public and private schools**
26 **in this state.**

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 **(4) The department shall collect, store and use, and specify guidelines for schools to col-**
2 **lect, store and use, only the minimal amount of data about students that is necessary to**
3 **implement educational programs.**

4 **SECTION 2.** **(1) Section 1 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.**

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

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

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