House Bill 4132

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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 Oregon Health Authority to administer and collect data from student health surveys.

Requires authority to consult with Department of Education to convene student health survey planning committee, to engage adolescents in creating and revising surveys and interpreting survey data and to use survey data to assess implementation of laws and rules related to students’ health, safety and well-being.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student health surveys; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “adolescent” means a person who is at least 10 years of age and not older than 19 years of age.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall:

(a) Administer student health surveys of adolescents that assess physical, mental, emotional and social factors, including school climate, that impact adolescents’ health, well-being and educational achievement;

(b) Collect the survey data; and

(c) Create reports for counties and the State of Oregon based on the survey data.

(3) The surveys must:

(a) Be administered on a statewide basis;

(b) Be administered at least once per biennium;

(c) Be anonymous and confidential; and

(d) Provide clear processes for an adolescent or, if applicable, the adolescent’s parent or guardian, to opt out of participating in the survey.

(4) In consultation with the Department of Education, the authority shall convene a student health survey planning committee to determine the:

(a) Timing and frequency of the surveys;

(b) Grades to be surveyed;

(c) Length of surveys to be administered to each grade;

(d) Questions to be included in each administration of the surveys; and

(e) Strategies for securing school or school district participation in the surveys.

(5) In consultation with the department, the authority shall:

(a) Substantially and meaningfully engage adolescents in creating and revising the surveys and interpreting the survey data; and

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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(b) Use survey data to assess implementation of laws and rules related to students’ health, safety and well-being.

(6) The authority shall consult with school teachers and administrators, youth-related organizations and the federally recognized tribes in Oregon to improve the content of the surveys and the process of administering the surveys.

(7) To enable schools or school districts to use the survey data to make informed decisions, the authority shall, when possible:
   (a) Provide staff capacity and technical assistance to schools or school districts to raise awareness about the use and importance of the survey data;
   (b) Analyze and interpret the survey data;
   (c) Track trends in the survey data over time; and
   (d) Connect schools or school districts with local public health authorities or other community organizations that can provide insight related to the survey data.

(8) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2020 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2020.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, the functions and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2020 Act.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $________ for the purpose of carrying out the duties described in section 1 of this 2020 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.