House Bill 2608

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (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 as introduced.

Directs Department of Education to establish and administer pilot program to assist school districts in providing age-appropriate instruction on natural disasters.

Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2027.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to natural disaster education; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish and administer a pilot program to assist school districts in providing age-appropriate instruction on natural disasters.

(2) Instruction provided under the pilot program established by this section must:

(a) Enable students to prepare for a natural disaster and for survival in the days and weeks after a natural disaster; and

(b) Be specific to the natural disasters that may occur in the areas served by the schools participating in the pilot program, which may include earthquakes, tsunamis, water shortages, floods and heavy snow.

(3) Any school district in this state may apply to participate in the pilot program established by this section. The department shall select no more than five school districts to participate in the pilot program. When selecting school districts to participate in the pilot program, the department shall give priority to school districts that represent geographic and demographic diversity.

(4) For school districts participating in the pilot program established by this section, the department shall:

(a) Develop curriculum that may be used by the school districts; and

(b) Provide any necessary technical assistance to the school districts.

(5) The department shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than:

(a) September 15, 2024, for a preliminary report; and

(b) September 15, 2026, for a final report.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

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, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $______, which may be expended for developing curriculum and providing technical assistance as described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.