

# House Bill 3363

Sponsored by Representatives NERON, RUIZ, Senator FREDERICK; Representative CAMPOS

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Racial Equity and Justice Student Council. Prescribes membership and duties of council.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to student leadership; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Racial Equity and Justice Student Council is established.**

5 **(2)(a) The Governor shall appoint members of the council, who serve at the pleasure of**  
6 **the Governor. Members must include:**

7 **(A) At least 15 students;**

8 **(B) At least two administrators of schools with students in grades 9 through 12; and**

9 **(C) At least two representatives from culturally-specific, community-based organizations.**

10 **(b) When selecting the student members of the council, the Governor shall:**

11 **(A) Ensure that a majority of the student members are from racial and ethnic commu-**  
12 **nities that have been historically underserved;**

13 **(B) Ensure that student government organizations and culturally-specific, community-**  
14 **based organizations are represented by the student members; and**

15 **(C) Take into consideration the geographic diversity of the student members.**

16 **(c) The Governor shall designate one of the nonstudent members of the council as the**  
17 **chairperson of the council.**

18 **(d) Terms of office for council members shall be four years.**

19 **(3) The purposes of the council are to advise the Governor's office, the Legislative As-**  
20 **sembly, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Higher Education**  
21 **Coordinating Commission, the Early Learning Division and the Youth Development Division**  
22 **on:**

23 **(a) Engaging students in the development and implementation of education policy and**  
24 **elevating student voices in the development and implementation of education policy;**

25 **(b) Developing education policy with a consideration of racial equity and of justice;**

26 **(c) Implementing education policy at the local level with a consideration of racial equity**  
27 **and of justice;**

28 **(d) Reimagining student leadership programs, classes and events;**

29 **(e) Providing students with supports and resources available at the state level, with em-**  
30 **phasis on supports and resources for students from underserved communities; and**

31 **(f) Establishing and maintaining a statewide hotline to help connect students to supports**

**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 and resources.

2 (4) The council shall meet at least six times each year on dates determined by the  
3 chairperson. The council shall also meet at other times specified by a call of the chairperson  
4 or as requested by a majority of the members of the council.

5 (5) Student members of the council shall be entitled to compensation for serving on the  
6 council. All members of the council shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred  
7 while serving on the council.

8 (6) The Department of Education shall provide staff to the council. The council may re-  
9 imburse the department for expenses incurred by the department when providing staff for  
10 the council.

11 (7) The council may enter into a contract with the department for the purpose of ad-  
12 ministering the hotline described in subsection (3)(f) of this section.

13 (8) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, shall assist the council  
14 in the performance of the council's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
15 confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the council con-  
16 sider necessary to perform the members' duties.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Governor shall appoint the members of the Racial Equity and Justice  
18 Student Council described in section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than December 1, 2021.

19 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Racial Equity and Justice Student Council, for  
20 the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for  
21 the purposes of the council as described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

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