House Bill 3363

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

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.


A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to student leadership; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

(A) At least 15 students;

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

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

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

(A) Ensure that a majority of the student members are from racial and ethnic communities that have been historically underserved;

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

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

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

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

(2) The purposes of the council are to advise the Governor’s office, the Legislative Assembly, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the Early Learning Division and the Youth Development Division on:

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

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

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

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

(e) Providing students with supports and resources available at the state level, with emphasis on supports and resources for students from underserved communities; and

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

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and resources.

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

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

(6) The Department of Education shall provide staff to the council. The council may reimburse the department for expenses incurred by the department when providing staff for the council.

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

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

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

SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Racial Equity and Justice Student Council, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $1,000,000 for the purposes of the council 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.