

Requested by Representative POWER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3334**

1 Delete lines 4 through 8 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Early Learning Division shall develop a plan**
3 **to provide eligible children of this state with equitable access to pre-**
4 **school that is high quality and that is culturally and developmentally**
5 **responsive.**

6 **“(2) The plan developed under this section shall:**

7 **“(a) Provide that participation in a preschool program is voluntary;**

8 **“(b) Establish quality standards for publicly funded preschool pro-**
9 **grams, which may include:**

10 **“(A) The daily and yearly availability of preschool programs; and**

11 **“(B) The requirement that preschool programs provide high quality,**
12 **developmentally appropriate early learning that:**

13 **“(i) Reflects best practices related to preschool;**

14 **“(ii) Is culturally relevant; and**

15 **“(iii) Includes multigenerational learning experiences;**

16 **“(c) Be developed in collaboration with community stakeholders,**
17 **including the Early Learning Council, the State Board of Education**
18 **and families from demographics that are underrepresented in pre-**
19 **school programs;**

20 **“(d) Create uniform preschool education standards across all local,**
21 **state and federal publicly funded preschool programs;**

1 “(e) Identify eligibility requirements for children and families based
2 on income level and other demographic criteria, which shall take into
3 account eligibility criteria for current local, state and federal publicly
4 funded preschool programs;

5 “(f) Propose an approach for equitably distributing preschool slots
6 in phases to ensure that preschool programs are accessible across the
7 state and for tribal communities and that preschool programs are
8 provided through a mixed delivery system;

9 “(g) Be responsive to the scheduling needs and preferences of fam-
10 ilies; and

11 “(h) Include recommendations for increasing the infrastructure ca-
12 pacity to accommodate an expansion in the provision of preschool
13 programs, including the needs for facilities, workforce investments
14 and local coordinated enrollment systems for families.

15 “(3) The plan developed under this section may:

16 “(a) Establish requirements for care before school, after school or
17 a combination of before and after school.

18 “(b) Provide for the alignment and coordination of existing pre-
19 school programs, including the Oregon prekindergarten program and
20 the Preschool Promise Program.

21 “(4) The plan developed under this section must provide that, no
22 later than January 1, 2027, all children in this state eligible for pre-
23 school shall have access to preschool.

24 “(5) The division shall report on the plan, and may include recom-
25 mendations for legislation, to an appropriate interim committee of the
26 Legislative Assembly no later than September 1, 2022.

27 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,
28 2022.”.