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Given the abuses many Oregon school children have faced in the past two years, a bill that permits a wayward superintendent to retain his position for such a long period of time, can only further damage our students. This bill endorses a lack of accountability, and potentially subjects children to abuses that might warrant an immediate suspension or dismissal. The bill is irresponsible for this reason, and because it disarms elected school board officials from taking immediate action against unethical, dishonorable or even illicit behavior. Personal accountability is a lesson that was once taught in kindergarten, and this virtue needs to be resurrected. Parents should be allowed input to discuss and have a say about issues that may affect their children, including immediate termination of a superintendent for just cause. Oregon needs to empower parents, not rogue superintendents. Please kill this bill immediately.