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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells the ODE to develop and maintain a data system for the education workforce in the state. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with various education stakeholders, to develop, administer and maintain a statewide data system for the education workforce in this state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to educator workforce data solutions.
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:
(a) "Education workforce" means licensed and classified staff who
are:
(A) Employed by a public education provider; or
(B) Under contract to provide services to a public education pro-
vider.
(b) "Public education provider" means:
(A) A school district;
(B) A public charter school;
(C) An education service district;
(D) A long term care or treatment facility, as described in ORS
343.961;
(E) The Youth Corrections Education Program;
(F) The Juvenile Detention Education Program; or

18 (G) The Oregon School for the Deaf.

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19 (2) The Department of Education shall, in conjunction with the

1 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, education service dis-2 tricts, school districts, approved educator preparation programs and a 3 representative of the statewide longitudinal data system, develop, ad-4 minister and maintain a statewide data system for the education 5 workforce in this state.

6 (3) The statewide data system must allow the department to assign 7 unique identifiers to each individual who is a member of the education 8 workforce. The identifier may not use any personally identifiable in-9 formation, except for alignment purposes in data processing. Any 10 personally identifiable information that is collected must be linked in 11 a secure data location so that data sets can be matched based on the 12 personally identifiable information when the identifier is included.

(4) In addition to subsection (3) of this section, the statewide data
 system must allow the following uses:

(a) Identifying school district hiring needs by content area and ge ographic location;

(b) Providing information, by content area, about graduates of ed ucator preparation programs and persons who complete nontraditional
 pathways to licensure;

(c) Identifying educator mobility, attrition and retention patterns;
 (d) Determining educator longevity and possible factors that affect

22 longevity;

(e) Evaluating school climate and culture from the educator's perspective based on the surveys administered as provided by ORS 342.676;
(f) Evaluating pay in relation to local economic data from the most
recent American Community Survey from the United States Census
Bureau; and

(g) Studying education workforce trends and needs in this state in
a manner that:

30 (A) Includes a review of:

31 (i) The satisfaction of persons who complete educator preparation

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1 programs in this state;

2 (ii) Employer satisfaction with the availability and skills of the ed3 ucation workforce in this state; and

4 (iii) Hiring and retention trends of the education workforce in this
5 state; and

(B) Is sortable by school district, geographic location, school, grade
level, teacher characteristics and educator preparation program of this
state.

9 (5) In addition to any requirements described in subsections (3) and
10 (4) of this section, the statewide data system must:

(a) Provide complete data integration and interoperability with
 other state data systems, including longitudinal data under ORS
 342.443.

(b) Ensure all underlying data is validated, accurate and secure and
 complies with privacy laws.

(c) Offer a user-friendly interface with comprehensive educator
 workforce metrics that enable users to deliver actionable insights.

(d) Provide advanced analytics capabilities to support strategic
 decision-making and long-term planning for all user groups.

20 (e) Offer tailored reporting features that respond to the specific 21 needs of distinct user groups, including district leaders, policymakers 22 and researchers.

(f) Perform efficiently and be scalable to accommodate growing
data volumes and varying loads with minimal downtime.

(g) Provide comprehensive training and documentation resources
to ensure all user groups can efficiently and effectively understand and
utilize the system.

(h) Include a robust mechanism for soliciting and incorporating
user feedback to continuously enhance the system for all user groups.
(6) The department shall make the information described in subsection (4) of this section publicly available through a visually ap-

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- 1 pealing interactive data visualization tool that is accessible on the
- 2 department's website home page.
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