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## SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells DAS to develop an implementation plan to make a collective bargaining process that would apply to teachers across the state. The Act would take effect 91 days after sine die. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.9).

Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to develop an implementation plan for a statewide collective bargaining process for licensed educators in this state.

Requires the department to convene an advisory board to advise the department in developing the plan.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to an implementation plan for statewide collective bargaining for

3 licensed educators; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Central table bargaining team" means a collective bargaining
team that negotiates and sets foundational terms and conditions of a
collective bargaining agreement that relate specifically to the salary
and benefits of licensed educators statewide.

(b) "Labor organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS
243.650.

(c) "Licensed educator" has the meaning given that term in ORS
342.621.

(d) "Local table bargaining team" means a collective bargaining
 team that negotiates terms and conditions of employment, other than

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salary and benefits, for licensed educators at the local school district
 level.

3 (2)(a) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall de4 velop an implementation plan for establishing a statewide collective
5 bargaining process for licensed educators in this state.

6 (b) For the purpose of developing the implementation plan under 7 this section, the department shall convene an advisory group, con-8 sisting of representatives from:

9 (A) The Department of Education;

10 (B) The Coalition of Oregon School Administrators;

11 (C) The Oregon Education Association;

12 (D) The Oregon School Boards Association;

(E) The office of the Governor with expertise in the state budget
 process and school funding;

15 (F) The Oregon Association of School Business Officials;

(G) One or more labor organizations that represent public employ ees;

18 (H) The Public Employees' Benefit Board;

19 (I) The Oregon Educators Benefit Board;

(J) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services with legal
 expertise in public employee collective bargaining; and

(K) The majority and minority parties of the House of Represen tatives and the Senate.

(c) The advisory group formed as provided in paragraph (b) of this
 section shall advise regarding:

26 (A) The development and implementation of the plan.

(B) Adoption of rules by the Oregon Department of Administrative
Services for the implementation of the plan.

29 (3) The implementation plan developed under this section must:

(a) Establish a framework for a statewide collective bargaining
 process for licensed educators employed in school districts and educa-

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1 tion service districts across this state.

(b) Examine salaries and benefits for licensed educators in relation
to the state budget allocation for public school funding.

4 (c) Contemplate a collective bargaining framework that mandates
5 bargaining through:

(A) A central table bargaining team consisting of representatives
from the Department of Education, school district boards and state
government who have knowledge and expertise in education funding;
and

10 (B) A local table bargaining team.

(d) Provide strategies for bargaining over salary and benefits rela tive to the budget appropriated for school funding.

(e) Consider methods for achieving additional funding for purposes
 of adjusting the salaries and benefits of licensed educators in the event
 that the estimated budget appropriation to cover such costs is deter mined to be insufficient.

(f) Provide timelines for collective bargaining that aligns with the
 state budget policy and process timelines.

(4)(a) No later than December 1, 2026, the Oregon Department of
 Administrative Services shall provide a progress report to the interim
 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education on the
 status of the implementation plan described under this section.

(b) No later than December 1, 2027, the department shall provide a 23draft report and no later than December 1, 2028, a final report, in the 24manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the 25Legislative Assembly related to education on the findings and recom-26mendations of the department regarding the statewide collective bar-27gaining for licensed educators, including recommendations for 28legislative changes necessary to require statewide collective bargaining 29 for licensed educators by July 1, 2029. 30

31 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.

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<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date
 on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative As sembly adjourns sine die.

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