## House Bill 2628

Sponsored by Representative LEVY B, Senator HANSELL, Representative HIEB; Representative OWENS, Senator WEBER (Presession filed.)

## **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.** 

Directs district school board to ensure that curriculum of each course of study offered by school district is made available to public on school district's website. Phases in requirement for small school districts.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the provision of information for courses of study offered by school districts; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.035; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 336.035 is amended to read:

336.035. (1)(a) [The] A district school board shall [see] ensure that the courses of study prescribed by law and by the rules of the State Board of Education are carried out.

- (b) [The] A district school board may establish supplemental courses that are not inconsistent with the prescribed courses and may adopt courses of study in lieu of state courses of study upon approval by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- (c) For each course of study offered by a school district, the district school board shall ensure that the curriculum of the course is made available to the public on the school district's website.
- (2) Any district school board may establish a course of education concerning sexually transmitted infections including recognition of causes, sources and symptoms, and the availability of diagnostic and treatment centers. Any such course established may be taught to adults from the community served by the individual schools as well as to students enrolled in the school. The board shall cause the parents or guardians of minor students to be notified in advance that the course is to be taught. Any such parent or guardian may direct in writing that the minor child in the care of the parent or guardian be excused from any class within the course. Any parent or guardian may inspect the instructional materials to be used before or during the time the course is taught.
- (3) The district school board shall coordinate the course provided in subsection (2) of this section with the officials of the local health department and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Teachers holding endorsements for health education shall be used where available. A teacher may not be subject to discipline or removal for teaching or refusing to teach courses concerning sexually transmitted infections.
- SECTION 2. (1) A school district must first comply with the amendments to ORS 336.035 by section 1 of this 2023 Act no later than August 15, 2023.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if a school district has an average daily membership of 10,000 or less, the school district is not required to first comply with the

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amendments to ORS 336.035 by section 1 of this 2023 Act until August 15, 2024.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.