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House Bill 2656

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BOWMAN, PHAM K, WALTERS, Senator SOLLMAN (at the request of Oregon Education Association) (Presession filed.)

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AN ACT

Relating to improvements in student success.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.

SECTION 2. (1) Each school district shall make available to the students of the school district the following informational surveys:

(a) A survey administered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist the department in gathering information about the education experiences of students in this state, including information on learning, opportunities to learn and school culture and climate; and

(b) A survey administered by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the department that is designed to improve the health and well-being of all students in this state and to help them succeed.

(2)(a) At least five days prior to the administration of a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section, the school district must provide:

(A) Notice of the survey to the parents or guardians of the students to whom the survey will be administered; and

(B) The opportunity for parents or guardians to review the survey before it is administered.

(b) Parents or guardians must be allowed to decline, either verbally or in writing, to have their children participate in a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Students may decline, at any time and either verbally or in writing, to participate in a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Students who participate in a survey identified in subsection (1) of this section may decline to answer individual questions on the survey.

(5) The department shall annually review the surveys identified in subsection (1) of this section and make any revisions in the collection of data and the distribution of data to enable school districts to assist schools in providing an environment that encourages healthy and successful learners.

SECTION 3. (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall convene an advisory committee to explore options for expanding or revising the education accountability framework in this state.

(2) The advisory committee convened under this section must include representatives of school districts, teachers' unions and post-secondary institutions of education.
(3) The advisory committee convened under this section must review accountability programs in other states and make recommendations to the superintendent on the expansion or revision of the education accountability framework.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Department of Education by section 1 (1), chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 5014), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for operations, is increased by $488,763, to administer the survey described in section 2 (1)(a) of this 2023 Act and to convene the advisory committee described in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $970,339, to administer the survey described in section 2 (1)(b) of this 2023 Act.