House Bill 2751

Sponsored by Representative BOWMAN (at the request of Steve Novick)

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.

Establishes Task Force on School Starting Times. Directs task force to study and collect data related to school starting times.
Sunsets task force December 31, 2024.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school starting times.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on School Starting Times is established.
(2) The task force consists of 11 members jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:
(a) One pediatrician;
(b) One school psychologist or adolescent psychologist;
(c) One transportation logistics expert who has made transportation schedule adjustments based on changes in starting times;
(d) One pediatric sleep expert;
(e) One superintendent from a school district that has implemented a change in starting times;
(f) One representative of a national nonprofit organization that has extensively studied the relationship between sleep and school hours;
(g) One representative of an association that represents school boards in this state;
(h) One representative of an association that represents school administrators in this state;
(i) One representative of an association that represents licensed teachers in this state;
(j) One representative of an association that represents classified school employees in this state; and
(k) One current high school or college student.

(3) The task force shall:
(a) Seek expert input and review research on adolescent circadian rhythms, sleeping patterns and school scheduling practices.
(b) Collect data about the current starting times in all public schools of this state.
(c) Solicit evidence and review the impact of starting times on:
(A) Child and adolescent sleep;
(B) Student mental health, including rates of depression and suicidal behavior;
(C) Student physical health, including rates of obesity and eating behaviors;
(D) Student academic performance, including absenteeism, tardiness, sleeping during

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.
class and graduation rates;
(E) Low-income families with children in schools;
(F) Motor vehicle accidents involving student drivers;
(G) Juvenile crime and risk-taking behaviors;
(H) Substance and stimulant abuse by students;
(I) The availability of student transportation;
(J) Student sports performance and safety; and
(K) The scheduling of after-school activities.
(d) Examine student transportation times and other factors that determine when stu-

dents need to wake up.
(e) Study examples of school districts that have changed starting times, including ex-
ploring the issues that the school districts addressed, the process the school districts used
and the results the school districts experienced after implementation of the change in
starting times.
(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
of business.
(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
of the task force.
(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
ment to become immediately effective.
(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
or of a majority of the members of the task force.
(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024.
(11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
force.
(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for
expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.
(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
force consider necessary to perform their duties.
SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.