House Bill 3067

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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.

Requires public schools to take special care to ensure that instruction and assessments are provided in neutral and objective manner. Directs school districts to provide annual training to educators to ensure that instruction and assessments are provided in neutral and objective manner.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. ORS 336.067 is amended to read:

336.067. (1) In public schools, special emphasis shall be given to instruction in:

(a) Honesty, morality, courtesy, obedience to law, respect for the national flag, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, respect for parents and the home, the dignity and necessity of honest labor and other lessons that tend to promote and develop an upright and desirable citizenry.

(b) Respect for all humans, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, sex or disability.

(c) Acknowledgment of the dignity and worth of individuals and groups and their participative roles in society.

(d) Humane treatment of animals.

(e) The effects of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and controlled substances upon the human system.

(2) In public schools, special care shall be given to ensure that instruction and assessments are provided in a neutral and objective manner that:

(a) Provides viewpoint diversity, including perspectives from multiple world views; and

(b) Encourages debate and dialogue with constructive disagreement and an open sharing of ideas.

[(2)] (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare an outline with suggestions that will best accomplish the purpose of this section, and shall incorporate the outline in the courses of study for all public schools.

(4) Each school district shall ensure that the educators of the school district receive annual training to learn how to provide instruction and assessment as described in subsection (2) of this section. Training provided under this section:

(a) Must be provided from a nonpartisan perspective; and

(b) May be provided by an organization other than the school district, but must comply with paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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.

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