Senate Bill 1075

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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.

Directs Department of Education to establish school media program standards and provide technical assistance related to those standards.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school media programs.

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

SECTION 1. (1) For the purpose of improving school media programs in this state and ensuring that school media programs adequately address student needs, the Department of Education shall:

(a) Establish and regularly review school media program standards, including any applicable academic content standards and assessments that measure student progress; and

(b) Provide technical assistance to school districts and public schools in this state related to the standards established under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) The school media program standards required under this section must:

(a) Incorporate best practices in terms of staffing, instructional programs, facilities, media collections and resources;

(b) Address how to appropriately incorporate the skills and expertise of licensed teacher librarians and classified school library staff; and

(c) Provide clarity and consistency for implementation of the standards by schools and school districts.

(3) The technical assistance required under this section must include the provision of professional learning for school library staff and for school district and building administrators who oversee school media programs.

(4) For the purpose of fulfilling the requirements under this section, the department shall:

(a) Seek input from interested stakeholders across the state;

(b) Research and gather information related to the development and implementation of school media program standards, including monitoring relevant state and federal education programs; and

(c) Lead teams or work groups to research, develop and implement statewide strategies for school media programs.

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.