

Requested by Senator DEMBROW

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 421**

1 On page 2 of the printed bill, line 2, after “(a)” insert “Have lived expe-
2 riences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons
3 who”.

4 In line 5, after “(b)” insert “Have lived experiences with, or a demon-
5 strated understanding of, issues facing persons who”.

6 In line 9, delete “or” and begin a new paragraph and insert:

7 “(f) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice
8 system; or”.

9 In line 10, delete “(f)” and insert “(g)”.

10 On page 3, line 32, after “council” insert “have lived experiences with,
11 or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who”.

12 In line 36, after “subsection” insert “have lived experiences with, or a
13 demonstrated understanding of, issues facing persons who”.

14 In line 39, after “(I)” insert “Have lived experiences with, or a demon-
15 strated understanding of, issues facing persons who”.

16 In line 43, delete “or” and begin a new paragraph and insert:

17 “(V) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice
18 system; or”.

19 In line 44, delete “(V)” and insert “(VI)”.

20 On page 5, line 16, delete “racist incident” and insert “bias incident as
21 defined in ORS 147.380”.

1 In line 18, delete “racist” and insert “bias”.

2 Delete lines 35 through 45 and delete pages 6 and 7.

3 On page 8, delete lines 1 through 29 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 6.** Section 4 of this 2023 Act is amended to read:

5 **“Sec. 4.** (1) A youth advisory council is established for the purposes of
6 this section.

7 “(2)(a) The Governor, in consultation with the Department of Education
8 and [*the work group established by section 1 of this 2023 Act*] **current**
9 **members of the youth advisory council**, shall appoint members of the
10 youth advisory council as provided by this subsection. The term of office of
11 each member is two years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Gov-
12 ernor.

13 “(b) The majority of the members of the youth advisory council must be
14 youth between the ages of 11 and 21 years of age during their term of service
15 on the youth advisory council. The youth members of the youth advisory
16 council must include at least two youth from each education service district
17 identified in ORS 334.013.

18 “(c) When selecting the members of the youth advisory council, the Gov-
19 ernor shall:

20 “(A) Consult with the Department of Education, the Youth Development
21 Division, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the Oregon Health
22 Authority and the Racial Justice Council to appoint members of the youth
23 advisory council who are one or more of the following:

24 “(i) Youth and staff representing tribal youth councils;

25 “(ii) Youth and staff representing youth and student leadership organiza-
26 tions;

27 “(iii) Youth and staff representing alternative education pathways;

28 “(iv) Youth from immigrant and refugee communities;

29 “(v) Individuals representing culturally and ethnically specific
30 community-based organizations, including organizations that assist immi-

1 grant and refugee communities;

2 “(vi) Individuals who are administrators, teachers and other school staff
3 who support youth and student leadership in public schools, including edu-
4 cation service districts, school districts, schools and youth reengagement
5 programs;

6 “(vii) Youth who serve as advisors to the State Board of Education or
7 serve on Department of Education work groups related to student success
8 initiatives;

9 “(viii) Youth who serve on the Youth Development Council or who par-
10 ticipate in Youth Development Division programs;

11 “(ix) Youth who serve on Oregon Health Authority work groups;

12 “(x) Youth who serve on Higher Education Coordinating Commission
13 work groups;

14 “(xi) Youth who serve on Racial Justice Council work groups; and

15 “(xii) Additional members identified and recommended by the youth ad-
16 visory council, in consultation with the Department of Education.

17 “(B) Consult with the Youth Development Division to appoint members
18 of the youth advisory council who are youth who have been reengaged and
19 to appoint program staff who support the statewide youth reengagement
20 system developed and administered by the division under ORS 417.859 or who
21 otherwise provide education opportunities to youth or support the educa-
22 tional success of youth.

23 “(d) In addition to the members of the youth advisory council described
24 in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the youth advisory council may
25 include the following members appointed by the Governor in consultation
26 with the Department of Education and [*the work group established by section*
27 *1 of this 2023 Act*] **current members of the youth advisory council:**

28 “(A) Additional youth members who represent more populous regions in
29 this state than the regions identified in paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

30 “(B) Any other members identified and recommended by the youth advi-

1 sory council.

2 “(e) The Governor, in consultation with the Department of Education,
3 may provide for alternate members for the youth members of the youth ad-
4 visory council described in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

5 “(f)(A) When making appointments under this subsection, the Governor
6 must ensure that:

7 “(i) At least 70 percent of the members of the youth advisory council have
8 lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues facing
9 persons who are from racial or ethnic communities that historically have
10 been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved;

11 “(ii) At least 50 percent of the youth members of the youth advisory
12 council from each of the regions identified in paragraph (b) of this subsection
13 have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, issues fac-
14 ing persons who are from racial or ethnic communities that historically have
15 been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved; and

16 “(iii) The youth members of the youth advisory council must include
17 youth who:

18 “(I) Have lived experiences with, or a demonstrated understanding of, is-
19 sues facing persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer,
20 two-spirit, intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender identity
21 or sexual orientation;

22 “(II) Are English language learners;

23 “(III) Are identified as being a child with a disability, as defined in ORS
24 343.035;

25 “(IV) Are navigating poverty;

26 “(V) Are a foster child or have a parent involved in the criminal justice
27 system; or

28 “(VI) Have experienced disproportionate results in education due to his-
29 torical practices, as identified by the State Board of Education by rule.

30 “(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, racial or ethnic communities that

1 historically have been, or currently are, underrepresented or underserved
2 include communities for which a plan has been developed and implemented
3 under ORS 329.841, 329.843 and 329.845.

4 “(g) A member of the youth advisory council is eligible for reappointment
5 for up to two terms. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor, in
6 consultation with other members of the youth advisory council, shall make
7 an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

8 “(h) Upon the expiration of a term of office, a person who had been a
9 member of the youth advisory council may choose to become a mentor for
10 any of the members of the youth advisory council.

11 “(3)(a) The Department of Education shall ensure that each youth member
12 of the youth advisory council has:

13 “(A) Sufficient support to enable participation in youth advisory council
14 meetings, which may include accommodations, stipends, travel expenses, ap-
15 propriate technological access and academic credit; and

16 “(B) Resources available to reimburse any adult who provides transpor-
17 tation or other supports in helping the youth member to participate in the
18 youth advisory council.

19 “(b) Each school, school district or program enrolled in by a youth mem-
20 ber of the youth advisory council shall ensure that the youth member has:

21 “(A) Access to counseling support, including mental health support; and

22 “(B) Access to tutoring.

23 “(c) The adult members of the youth advisory council shall ensure that
24 each youth member of the youth advisory council has:

25 “(A) Access to an adult mentor; and

26 “(B) An opportunity to provide peer support or be a youth mentor.

27 “(4) The youth advisory council, with support from the Department of
28 Education, shall take into consideration racial equity and justice and align
29 with other statewide efforts for racial equity and justice when performing
30 the following duties:

1 “(a) Developing the youth advisory council’s goals, success criteria and
2 progress measures related to youth and student leadership and engagement
3 in the policymaking process in this state. When performing the duties de-
4 scribed in this paragraph, the youth advisory council may modify the youth
5 advisory council’s decision-making process, scope of work, work plans and
6 meeting structures, and the roles and responsibilities of youth advisory
7 council members.

8 “(b) Examining current Department of Education, Youth Development
9 Division and Oregon Health Authority initiatives and practices related to
10 youth and student leadership and engagement in the policymaking process
11 and making recommendations on how to elevate and support youth and stu-
12 dent leadership and youth-led and student-led accountability in the
13 policymaking process at the state and local level. When performing the du-
14 ties described in this paragraph, the youth advisory council must give careful
15 consideration to youth and student leadership and to engagement by youth
16 described in subsection (2)(f)(A)(ii) and (iii) of this section. The youth advi-
17 sory council may recommend methods for evaluating current initiatives,
18 practices and progress relating to youth and student leadership and engage-
19 ment at the state level.

20 “(c) Connecting with youth and student leaders and exploring youth and
21 student leadership networks, including culturally and ethnically specific,
22 community-based models and Youth Development Division programs, to
23 identify best practices in youth-led and student-led accountability in this
24 state and on a national level. Based on the performance of the duties de-
25 scribed in this paragraph, the youth advisory council shall make recommen-
26 dations to the Department of Education, the Youth Development Division,
27 the Legislative Assembly and the Governor’s office on how to support youth
28 and student leadership networks on a regional level for the purposes of
29 connecting youths with youth organizations, connecting students with stu-
30 dent organizations, elevating youth and student leadership and voice and

1 supporting youth-led and student-led accountability, with special consider-
2 ation given to youth described in subsection (2)(f)(A)(ii) and (iii) of this
3 section.

4 “(d) Helping the Department of Education, the Youth Development Divi-
5 sion and the Oregon Health Authority with the surveys that are adminis-
6 tered to youth and students by assisting with reviews of the findings and
7 making recommendations on the content and administration of the surveys.

8 “(e) Evaluating current processes in this state to identify best practices
9 for youth and students reporting a bias incident as defined in ORS 147.380
10 or a hate or bias crime. Based on the performance of the duty described in
11 this paragraph, the youth advisory council shall make recommendations for
12 providing support to youth and students who have experienced bias incidents
13 or hate or bias crimes.

14 “(f) Reporting on the youth advisory council’s work, progress and recom-
15 mendations to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor’s office every two
16 years and providing interim updates to youth and student leadership net-
17 works and organizations, education service districts, school districts and lo-
18 cal entities that serve youth and students.

19 “(5) The youth advisory council shall meet at least six times each year
20 in the manner and on the dates determined by a majority of the members of
21 the youth advisory council. The youth advisory council shall also meet at
22 other times specified or requested by a majority of the members of the youth
23 advisory council.

24 “(6) The Department of Education shall:

25 “(a) Provide staff support to the youth advisory council; and

26 “(b) Support youth advisory council members in participating in the youth
27 advisory council.”.

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