

HB 4078 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/14/24

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Cramer, Hudson, McIntire, Neron, Nguyen H, Valderrama, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires a study and task force to review student data systems in use in Oregon. The study is due September 14, 2024, and the task force report due December 31, 2024. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Detailed Summary

Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Director to undertake a study of the creation of a statewide student information system. Establishes goals for the statewide student information system and required elements of the study. Requires study to be submitted to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Establishes a task force to review the study and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly. Establishes task force membership, duties, operating procedures, and staff support. Requires the task force to submit a report, including recommendations for legislation, by December 31, 2024. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Benefits of better student records
- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, each school district in Oregon selects its own student information system to track student demographic and achievement information. Students who transfer from one school district to another do not always have the ability to have their records transfer electronically. In addition, when ODE requires information from school districts, district administrators must take action to send information to the department. A statewide student information system could facilitate transfers of student records and may allow ODE to access information as needed with minimal effort from local administrators.

In the *J.N. v. Oregon Department of Education* class-action lawsuit, the neutral expert hired by the court to investigate the use of abbreviated school days in Oregon recommended creation and implementation of a statewide IEP system in their June 2022 report.